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Sumner, Maine

For the Year Ending February 1

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

TOWN of SUMNER

MAINE



For the Year Ending February 1, 1952

1951 TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

C. J. COLE

Clerk

MARY HICKS

Treasurer

C. J. COLE

Tax Collector and Constable

EUNICE M. ANDREWS

Constable

V. G. BARRETT

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

A. E. FARRAR J. S. TAYLOR A. C. ALLEN

Road Commissioner

A. E. FARRAR

Superintending School Committee

LELIA TAYLOR ALMA ABBOTT C. J. COLE

Superintendents of Schools

H. A. FOSTER ALFRED BRACY

Health Officer

V. G. BARRETT

Fire Warden

A. E. FARRAR

Treasurer of Ministerial Fund

H. L. COBB

Sealer of Weights and Measures

V. G. BARRETT



New School Room



Old School Room

TOWN WARRANT

To Eunice M. Andrews, a constable in the Town of Sumner,
in the County of Oxford. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Pleasant Pond Grange Hall, West Sumner, in said town, on Monday, the third day of March A. D. 1952, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 1, 1952.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to call for bids for the collection of taxes.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more road commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' Salaries.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, superintendent's salary, repairs and insurance of school houses, purchase of school books and tuition of high school pupils for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school committee to continue the schools where an average of eight scholars has not been maintained for the past year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for supplementary support of old age assistance.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for aid to Dependent Children for ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of roads and bridge for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray miscellaneous accounts for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town ways.

Art. 16. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R.S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for purchase of snow fence.

Art. 18. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the

White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes.
Chapter 11, Secs. 622-63-64.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay miscellaneous accounts and town debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the town for money so borrowed, to amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceeding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1952 out of money raised during the said year 1952 by taxes.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Services.

Art. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate for public health nursing in Sumner, \$75.00. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to reimburse the treasury.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be applied on a \$3,000 note on the School House, of which \$1,000 must be paid annually.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the town on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of town officers' bonds, town treasurer, tax collector, constable, and road commissioner.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of road equipment.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Fighting Equipment.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 for Smallpox vaccination of the townspeople who want it.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of snow removal equipment.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries and the interest on cemetery trust funds.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for physical examination of all children in schools of Sumner. Said sum to be expended by superintending school committee.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to sell or trade the old Tractor and Tractor Plows, if so for how much.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to charge interest at 4% on all unpaid taxes and liens after April 1, 1952, on 1951 taxes.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 96 dollars for street lighting service.

Art. 36. To see what united action the Town should take with relation to registering its protests against the discontinuance of service by the Maine Central Railroad, and abandonment of its line from Rumford Junction to Canton, and to authorize the selectmen to make appropriate protests.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for civilian defense purposes.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the benefit of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$150 from Mrs. Anna Glover the interest to be used annually on the Sewell and Fred Glover Lot—no. 49 in Elmwood Cemetery.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from Ernest Packard and Bros. the interest to be used annually on the James Packard lot in Elmwood Cemetery.

Art. 41. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this second day of February A. D. 1951.

ARLAN E. FARRAR

JOHN S. TAYLOR

ARTHUR C. ALLEN

Dinner will be served at Pleasant Pond Grange Hall.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Value of Real Estate

Resident	\$159,655.00
Non-Resident	94,020.00
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Total Real Estate	\$253,675.00
Personal Estate	
Resident	\$ 39,658.00
Non-Resident	5,200.00
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Total Personal Estate	\$ 44,858.00
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Grand Total	\$298,533.00
Total Value of Land	\$148,665.00
Total Value of Buildings	\$105,010.00

Value of Livestock

	No.	Av. Value	Total
Horses, Mules and Ponies	68	\$48.00	\$3,275.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	1	75.00	75.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef Cattle over 18 mos. old	11	51.00	560.00
Milk Cows including Heifers that have freshened	185	63.00	11,565.00
Heifers over 2 years old not yet freshened	44	40.00	1,755.00
Heifers 18 mos. to 2 yrs. old	21	38.00	715.00
Domestic Fowl over 50 in no.	1,298	.90	1,148.00
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Total of Taxable Livestock			\$19,093.00

Exempt Livestock and Poultry

Cattle, 18 mos. and younger	38	\$16.00	\$595.00
Goats to no. of 35 and Kids	9	10.00	95.00
Sheep to no. of 35	46	10.00	460.00
Swine to no. of 10	26	22.00	595.00
Domestic Fowl, to the no. of 50	721	1.00	721.00

All Other Kinds of Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$ 6,400.00
Logs	140 M.	950.00
Lumber	170 M.	2,400.00
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	7	700.00
Musical Instruments	33	850.00
Radios	122	1,995.00
Tractors		800.00
Machinery and Equipment		3,500.00
Other Property		8,170.00
12 Miles Power Lines		5,500.00

Appropriated and Assessed

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Common Schools	6,000.00
High School Tuition	500.00
Textbooks and Supplies	200.00
Superintendent's Salary	475.00
Office Expense	35.00
Repairs on Schools	\$100.00 + 2,400.00
Support of Poor	500.00
Insurance on School Houses	20.00
Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
State Aid Road	1,066.00
Snow Fence	200.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
Blister Rust	100.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Health Nurse	75.00
Note on Snow Plow	1,000.00
Town Officers' Bonds	60.50
New Truck, Snow Plow and Wing	1,000.00
Fire Equipment	500.00
Care of Cemeteries and Interest on Trust Funds	130.00
Physical Examination of School Children	50.00

Civil Defense	150.00
Street Lighting	96.00
Dental Hygiene Program	100.00
Aid Dependent Children	755.00
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Total Appropriations	\$23,412.50
State Tax	2,060.30
County Tax	942.31
Overlay	833.86
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Total Commitment	\$27,248.97
Number of Polls Taxed	127
Number of Polls Not Taxed	22
Rate of Taxation	.090

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1952

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Support of Poor	1,000.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	50.00
Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
State Aid Road	1,066.00
Cutting Bushes on Town Roads	300.00
Memorial Day	75.00
State Health Nurse	75.00
Physical Examination in Schools	50.00
Town Officers' Bonds	70.00
Care of Cemeteries and Interest on Trust Funds	130.00
Payment on Schoolhouse Note	1,500.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
For A. D. C.	800.00
For Supplement Old Age Assistance	300.00
Fire Equipment	200.00
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Total	\$13,346.00

This does not include State and County Taxes or School Appropriations.

REPORT of OVERSEERS of POOR

SUPPLEMENTARY AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Orders Drawn:
 I. W. Andrews & Son \$ 132.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Orders Drawn:
 Dr. Albert P. Royal, Jr. \$ 39.62
 Dr. R. L. McCormack 17.50

 Total Orders Drawn \$ 57.12

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation \$ 755.00
 Orders Drawn:
 State Treasurer 741.70

 Unexpended \$ 13.30

STATE POOR

Orders Drawn:
 Cole's Store \$ 67.47
 Due from State \$ 67.47

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation \$ 500.00
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Orders Drawn:
 Town of Paris \$ 816.38
 189.12

 Total Orders Drawn \$ 1,005.50

 Total Overdraft \$ 505.50

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

World War I Veteran No. 1

Orders Drawn:

Everett Davis	\$1,292.41
Cole's Store	148.26
Dr. E. L. Reeves	26.00
Dr. T. P. Nangle	16.00
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Total Orders Drawn	\$1,482.67
Amount Received from City of Auburn	\$ 874.13
Amount due from City of Auburn Feb. 1, 1952	\$ 608.54
Amount Received, Town of Hebron from	
Last Year's Report	\$ 25.98

Unsettled Case No. 1

Orders Drawn:

Cole's Store	\$ 26.62
Due from other Town or State	\$ 26.62

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Orders Drawn:	
A. E. Farrar	\$ 500.00
J. S. Taylor	100.00
A. C. Allen	85.00
C. J. Cole	175.00
Eunice M. Andrews	165.00
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	\$1,025.00
Overdrawn	\$ 25.00
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TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation	\$ 60.50
Road Comm. Bond, A. E. Farrar	6.50
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Total Available	\$ 67.00
Orders Drawn:	
Goodwin Inc.	64.25
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Unexpended	\$ 2.75

**SNOW ACCOUNT
A. E. Farrar, Comm.**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Returns from State	1,804.50
Due from Town of Woodstock, 1950-51	75.00
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Total Available	\$4,879.50
Eastern Tractor Co., Repairs	\$ 900.29
Lewiston Welding Co., Welding	374.53
W. H. Knightly, Fuel Oil	108.49
Donald Keene	112.50
George Turner	508.50
Gerald Briggs	13.12
Glendon Briggs	188.25
Norman Turner	89.80
Erlon Hadley	35.62
Bertrand Buck	5.20
Omar Farrar	99.00
Irving Bartlett	191.74
C. M. Abbott	432.81
E. G. Garey	182.52
A. E. Farrar	1,712.95
Guy Heath	109.20
H. F. Varney	154.02
John Taylor	274.50
Eugene Farrar	255.56

Roger Farrar	54.15
Philip Edmunds	202.45
J. R. Chinchette, Dynamite	4.56
L. M. Longley, Dynamite	22.50
F. A. Cooper	73.14
State Highway Comm., Salt	110.56
Foggs Transportation, Express	1.97
Arthur Allen	69.55
W. A. Bonney	12.00
Arthur Farrar	59.95
Donald Caton	105.61
Davis Store, Fuel	3.00
Edward Powers	100.26
Arlon Farrar, Jr.	42.33
Files & O'Keefe	73.00
William A. Crockett	8.00
Cole's Store	7.65
Kyle Cooper	39.00
H. C. Benson	35.69
Al Kent, Inc., Battery	27.38
Ray Briggs	6.72
Campbell Bros., Plowing Snow	126.00
Penley Bros.	9.00
 Total Orders Drawn	\$6,943.07
 Total Overdraft	\$2,138.57

The overdraft on our Snow Account is much larger than usual because we have had more winter, more plowing roads and sanding than any other winter that I have had charge of winter roads.

We used to be satisfied if the roads were plowed; now they not only want them plowed currently, but demand them sanded as well. We certainly don't get things done as cheaply as we used to.

We also had two or three major breakdowns on our tractor, that amounted to over \$1,000. Of course we could have taken \$1,000 out of Equipment Funds to make it look better, but we broke it plowing snow and it has always been customary to pay for repairs out of Snow Account. These were the first major repairs we have had on this tractor.

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

A. E. Farrar, Comm.

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
Town of Hartford, Plank for Line Bridge	12.60
C. J. Cole, Refund for Tar	58.75
Total Available	\$3,571.35
Orders Drawn:	
A. E. Farrar	\$ 530.00
A. E. Farrar, Trucks	996.00
John Taylor	28.50
C. M. Abbott	284.87
Eugene Farrar	150.20
E. G. Garey	213.92
Guy Heath	167.56
Roger Farrar	50.25
Philip Edmunds	118.70
Arthur Farrar	85.50
W. A. Bonney	57.75
Files & O'Keefe	42.70
Irving Bartlett	225.95
Omar Farrar	283.25
Eino Rosenberg	48.75
H. F. Varney	184.81
Gammon Lumber Co., Plank	212.10
Gammon Lumber Co., Gravel & Loading	370.50
Everett Davis	15.84
New England Culvert Co.	335.65
David Boyle	25.97

William Immonen	33.01
Penley Bros., Plank	159.23
Penley Bros., Gravel	24.60
J. F. Redding	9.00
C. J. Cole	24.09
F. M. Chandler	6.00
D. Earl Jack	26.50
Steven Abbott	45.80
V. G. Barrett	4.00
Donald Quimby, Loading Gravel	19.50
State Treas., Tar	58.75
	\$4,839.25
Total Overdraft	\$1,267.90

Of the total overdraft, there are \$247.60 the Brown Co. has agreed to reimburse us. They have also agreed to reimburse us enough to fix the road up next spring as good as it was before.

The washout by John Redding's was caused by a bridge the Brown Company built across the Common Brook in Redding.

Comments on Highways

I have had \$335.65 worth of steel culverts this year, 5 on John Bonney Road, one on Potash Hill, 2 on Jim Gammon's Road, one on Tuell Hill, and 2 on Chester DeCoster's Road. I can think of a lot of places that should have them now. There should be 5 on Sumner Hill, 4 around Labrador Pond, 4 or 5 on the Redding Road, some on Tuell Hill Road, and 4 more on Jim Gammon's Road. It is almost impossible to put in a plank culvert unless it is covered 2 feet deep with dirt that will last over a year with present day travel.

Town Road Improvement Road

Our Town Road Improvement Fund was used on Chester DeCoster's Road towards Paris line from West Sumner. We have got quite a good piece of road and all hope it will keep them out of the mud for a few years, the gravel was all given to the road job by Dr. Moore and August Kiloonen, also some labor with truck was given for the sake of the job, of which is appreciated by the town.

We had planned on using some of our Town Road Improvement Fund for maintenance work on Eastman Hill and Jim Gannon's Road, but the state supervisor wouldn't allow it this year, we had to spend it all on one road.

Special Resolve

We have a Special Resolve for the Redding Road of \$500 also \$400 for Sumner Hill Road. This will be available after July 1, 1952.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

No Appropriation	
Balance from 1950	\$ 892.40
Auction Licenses,	
✓ P. Boothby, E. Hammond	4.00
Bank Stock Tax	43.20
Dog Tax Refund	18.63
R.R. and Telegraph Tax	162.00
Norway Nat'l Bank, Interest Refund	1.67
Costs and Interest, Taxes and Liens	348.97
Excise Tax 1951, Bal.	1,509.40
Excise Tax 1952	282.58
 Total Available	 \$3,262.85
Orders Drawn:	
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 120.14
Loring Short & Harmon	56.32

Norway National Bank	97.70
Pinewood Press	197.10
Department of Education	4.96
Fogg's Transportation	2.14
Emma E. West, Transfers	11.00
U. S. Auto Guide	6.00
Goodwins, Inc., Insurance	36.50
R. P. Millett, Insurance	21.50
Marks Printing House	34.75
V. G. Barrett, Health Officer	10.50
Robert B. Dow	20.00
Maine Municipal Assn.	35.00
Anderson Briggs, Inc.	5.90
State Treasurer, Testing Water	10.05
John Taylor, Cash Expense	45.00
Town Treasurer, School House Lot	182.40
H. F. Varney, School Yard	34.86
Arthur Farrar	34.86
Omar Farrar, School Yard	10.00
C. M. Abbott, School Yard	15.00
Guy Heath, School Yard	3.00
Walter M. Chandler	11.00
Rumford Drug Store, Clinic Supplies	18.54
Hansons Express	2.38
C. J. Cole	15.00
Lelia Taylor	15.00
Alma Abbott	15.00
E. G. Garey, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Guy Heath, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Mary Hicks, Cash Expense	23.50
Eunice M. Andrews, 1950 Tax Liens	148.00
H. L. Cobb, Treas. Ministerial Fund	5.00
C. J. Cole, Moderator	6.00
C. J. Cole, Ballot Clerk	6.00
C. J. Cole, Excise Tax Collector	49.60
C. J. Cole, Tax Lien Discharge	26.50

C. J. Cole, Cash Expense	57.45
Eunice M. Andrews, Bal. 1950 Collector	35.00
State Treasurer, Audit	152.77
Emma E. West, Tax Liens	102.00
V. G. Barrott, Ballot Clerk	6.00
A. E. Farrar, Cash Expense	135.00
A. E. Farrar, Truck	38.00
A. E. Farrar, Bulldozer Operator	34.00

	\$1,908.42
Unexpended Balance	\$1,354.43

USE OF EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, 1950	\$ 586.14
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Grader and Bulldozer

Received from:	
Urban Rowe	11.00
Oxford Paper Co.	132.00
State Treasurer	1,289.00
Howard Stevens	11.00

Total	\$2,029.14

Orders Drawn:

Omar Farrar, Operator	\$ 178.87
A. E. Farrar, Operator	221.87
A. E. Farrar, Truck	25.00
Eastern Tractor Co., Repairs	228.09
Davis Store, Gas	9.44
Hanson's Express	1.08
W. H. Knightly, Fuel Oil	65.46
Ellingwood Bros.	16.00
Level Lubricants, Inc.	42.13

Foggs Transportation Co.	1.00
All State Steel Co., Bulldozer Blades	66.50
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Total	\$ 855.44
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Unexpended Balance	\$1,173.70

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriatioin	\$ 96.00
Orders Drawn:	
Central Maine Power Co.	84.45
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Unexpended	\$ 11.55

PINE BLISTER RUST

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Unexpended	\$ 100.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES AND INTEREST
ON CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Appropriation	\$ 130.00
Elmwood Cemetery	14.39
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Total Available	\$ 144.39
Orders Drawn:	
John Redding	\$ 6.00
Black Mountain Cemetery Assn.	4.25
C. J. Cole, Treasurer	69.00
Lettie Ford	8.50
C. M. Stephens	34.00
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	\$ 121.75
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 22.64

INTEREST RECEIVED ON TRUST FUNDS

Hattie Barrows	\$ 5.00
Mary Gammon	12.50
Lina Heald	5.00
Total	\$ 22.50

NOTES PAYABLE New Tractor Snow Plow

Balance	\$2,693.61
Appropriation	1,000.00
Norway Nat'l Bank, Note	1,000.00
Total Available	\$4,693.61
Orders Drawn:	
Eastern Tractor Co.	\$3,500.00
Norway National Bank	1,000.00
Total	4,500.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 193.61

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

Norway Nat'l Bank, Temporary Loan	\$5,000.00
State Treasurer, State Tax	2,060.30
Treasurer of Oxford County, Tax	833.86
Total	\$7,894.16

STATE AID ROAD

Comments

Our loan from Norway National Bank for anticipation of 1952-53 State Aid funds of \$6,402.99 is to be paid back in two payments of \$3,198.00 due July 1, 1952 and July 1, 1953. We have to appropriate our usual amount of \$1,066.00, and

the state's share of \$2,132.00 will be available July 1 of each year.

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$1,066.00
Norway National Bank,	
Loan for Anticipation 1952-53	6,402.99

Total Available	\$7,468.99
Orders Drawn:	
State Treasurer	\$7,113.51
Overdraft 1950	386.88

	\$7,500.39
Overdraft 1951	\$ 31.40

CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Orders Drawn:	
H. F. Varney	\$ 67.50
C. M. Abbott	13.50
Arlan Farrar, Jr.	6.00
Roy Briggs	18.00
Arthur Farrar	54.00
Robert Farrar	12.00
Ashley Allen	24.75
Albert Allen	24.75

Total Orders Drawn	220.50

Unexpended	\$ 79.50

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Order Drawn:	
Files & O'Keefe	\$ 200.00

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriation	\$2,177.88
Orders Drawn:	
John Taylor	\$ 101.50
C. M. Abbott	79.68
Irving Bartlett	78.02
Omar Farrar	99.00
A. E. Farrar	39.84
A. E. Farrar, Truck	385.20
Maurice Benson, Truck	827.52
Albert Penley, Truck	197.12
Chester DeCoster, Truck	50.00
Town of Sumner, Bulldozer	320.00
 Total Orders Drawn	 <hr/> \$2,177.88

NEW TRUCK SNOW PLOW AND WING

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Unexpended	\$1,000.00

LIST OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

H. W. Davenport, Meadow	\$ 26.16
Smith and Benson, Gravel Pit	9.64
John Estes, Woodlot	40.50
Lloyd Keene, Woodlot at North Pond	122.21

REPORT of FIRE WARDEN

We have replaced the Pacific "y" Pumper and as much hose as our money would buy, or 200 ft. of forestry hose.

I am very glad to report no bad fires this past year, and a very few small ones. I wish to thank everyone who has been careful of fires also to get a permit to burn anything, as this is responsible for less fires, also I want to thank everyone that attends our fire calls, although we don't have a fire department, we have got the best volunteers of any place I know.

A. E. FARRAR,
Fire Warden

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Unexpended Balance from 1950	500.00
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Total	\$1,000.00
Orders Drawn:	
Donald Kidder	453.03
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Unexpended	\$ 171.97

NEW TRACTOR HOUSE

Unexpended Balance 1950	\$ 909.91
Gammon Lumber Co., Refund	11.20
L. M. Longley, Refund	4.00
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	\$ 925.11
Orders Drawn:	
V. G. Barrett	\$ 50.00
P. V. Redding	46.00
L. M. Longley & Son	10.32
C. J. Cole	16.20
J. R. Dyer	6.20
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Total	128.72
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Unexpended	\$ 796.39

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$ 150.00
Balance 1950	150.00
Union Grange, Town Meeting Dinner 1951	43.60
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	\$ 343.60
Order Drawn:	
George C. Frye Co.	36.80
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 306.80

INSURANCE ON SCHOOL HOUSES

Appropriation	\$ 20.00
Orders Drawn:	
W. M. Chandler	\$ 21.15
R. P. Millett	19.50
	40.65

SCHOOL CLINICS

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Order Drawn:	
Dr. T. P. Nangle	45.00
Unexpended	<hr/> \$ 5.00

STATE NURSE

Appropriation \$ 75.00
Order Drawn:
State Treasurer \$ 75.00

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Appropriation \$ 100.00
Unexpended \$ 100.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation \$ 75.00
Order Drawn:
Hattie Curtis, Treasurer \$ 75.00

MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Appropriation \$ 25.00
Order Drawn:
Maine Publicity Bureau \$ 25.00

TRUST FUNDS USED BY TOWN

Allen, Reverend and Sarah Barrows \$ 100.00
Gammond, S. B. 100.00

Gurney, Louise	200.00
Heald, Olive	100.00
Keene, Almira	500.00
Keene, Lydia	100.00
Purkis, Lucy	100.00
Roberts, Elmer	100.00
Robinson, L. M.	500.00
Russell, Lucy	100.00
Russell, Rebecca	100.00
Stetson, Clara	200.00
Stetson, Hezekiah	100.00
Stetson, Solomon	100.00
Varney, Lydia	100.00
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Total	\$2,500.00

Note:—Interest paid annually at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$.

TRUST FUNDS INVESTED BY TOWN

How Invested

1D, U. S. Savings Bonds, Gammon, Mary	\$ 500.00
2C, U. S. Savings Bonds, Heald, Myrtle	200.00
Casco Bank & Trust Co., Moody, John	150.00
Casco Bank & Trust Co., Turner, O. E.	150.00
Casco Bank & Trust Co., Young, Moses	100.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Barrows, Hattie L.	200.00
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	\$1,300.00

MINISTERIAL FUNDS

Investments,

Oxford Paper Co., Stocks	\$1,100.00
Oxford Co. T. & T., Stocks	750.00
Mechanics Savings Bank	4.00

Total	\$1,854.00
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Income, 1951,

Dividends,

Oxford Paper	\$ 74.00
Oxford T & T	56.25

Total	\$ 130.25
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Division of income,

Congregationalist Society	\$ 75.63
Universalist Society	54.62

Total	\$ 130.25
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Respectfully submitted,
H. L. COBB,
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending February 1, 1952

Cash on hand (Checking account), Feb. 1, 1951 \$ 7,226.74

Taxes

Current Year	\$23,072.64
Prior Years	1,402.00
Tax Liens, 1950	1,134.00
Tax Liens, 1949	1,605.60
Tax Liens, 1948	128.18
Tax Liens, 1947	12.00
Excise Taxes, 1951	1,509.40
Excise Taxes, 1952	282.58
	<hr/> \$29,146.40

Departmental Receipts from State

Educational	\$ 4,566.70
Snow Removal	1,804.50
Town Road Improvement	2,177.88
Use of Town Equipment	1,272.00
Bank Stock Tax	43.20
Dox Tax Refund	18.63
Railroad & Telegraph Tax	162.00
	<hr/> \$10,044.91

From Other Sources

Temporary Loan	\$ 5,000.00
Loan, Snow Plow	1,000.00
Loan, School House	3,000.00
Loan, State Aid Road	6,402.99
Interest on Cemetery Trust Funds	36.89
Interest on School Trust Funds	4.84
School Tuition & Conveyance	438.00
Cost and Interest	353.55
Charities	900.31
Accounts Receivable	6.20

Auctioneer Licenses	4.00
C. J. Cole, Tarring Yard	58.75
Capt. N. Gates, First Aid Kits	43.50
A. E. Farrar, Bond	6.50
Norway National Bank, Refund	1.67
Silver, Burdette, Refund	15.10
Tractor House Acct., Refund	15.20
Town of Hartford, Highway Plank	12.60

Total Receipts	\$17,774.10
	\$56,965.41

Total Available	\$64,192.15
Total Warrants Paid	61,778.55

Balance in Checking Account	
Feb. 1, 1952	\$ 2,413.70

Respectfully submitted,
 C. J. COLE,
 Treasurer

LIST OF UNPAID 1950 TAX LIENS February 1, 1952

Resident

Abbott, Vera	\$ 152.00
Abbott, Vera	44.00
Abbott, Sidney E.	104.00
Benson, Henry	8.00
Barrett, Vergil	100.00
Bragg, Thomas	64.00
Chesley, Alfred	73.20
Chamberlain, Wilbur	44.00
Dyer, Mabel	98.40
Farris, Amy J.	32.00
Hammond, Erlon	40.00
Richardson, Donald	30.60

Trask, Floyd	96.00
Bernard, Trask	60.00
Waters, Claud and Harriett	84.00
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	\$1,030.20

Non-Resident

Bisbee, Norman	\$ 24.00
Foster, A. C. and C. E.	22.00
Foster, Amos	100.80
Foster, C. E. Co.	437.20
Rasmussen, A. V.	72.00
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	\$ 656.00

Expired 1949 Tax Liens

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 104.00
Brown, Elizabeth R.	4.00
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	\$ 108.00

Expired 1948 Tax Liens

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 88.40
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Expired 1947 Tax Liens

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 104.00
Spaulding, Inez, Heirs	4.40
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	\$ 108.40

\$1,991.00

LIST OF 1951 ABATEMENTS

Perly Bradeen, over 70	\$ 3.00
Clarence and Nellie Emerson, Error in Assessing	9.00

1949 ABATEMENTS

Robert Olson, Pension Veteran	3.00
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Total	\$ 15.00

ABATEMENTS 1950

Leon Conant, Sickness	\$ 6.80
Vivian Tucker, Paid Elsewhere	3.00
Total	\$ 9.80

1951 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

	Poll	Personal	Real Estate
Sidney E. Abbott	\$ 3.00	\$	\$
Bragg, Mary, Heirs			117.00
Joe Fred Dugay	3.00		
R. E. Turner, Jr.	3.00		
John Trenworth	3.00		
David Stewart	3.00		
Vernal Andrews	3.00		
Alden Mathewetts	3.00		
Floyd Trask	3.00		
Esso Standard Oil Co.		22.50	
J. Berton Emery			40.50
Vernon Poland and			
Norman Perham			31.50
Total	\$ 24.00	\$ 22.50	\$189.00

1951 UNPAID SUPPLEMENTARY

Mary Bragg, Heirs	\$117.00
Vernon Poland and Norman Perham	31.50
Total	\$148.50

1951 UNPAID TAXES**Resident**

Abbott, Glen	\$ 3.00	\$ 9.00	\$
Abbott, Steven	3.00	38.25	
Abbott, Vera			171.00
Abbott, Vera			49.50

Abbott, Sidney E.	40.50	117.00
Ackley, Paul and Corrine	36.90	90.00
Bartlett, Irving	4.90	
Bartlett, Lionel	11.25	
Bartlett, Lionel and Irving		45.00
Benson, Henry	3.00	5.40
Barett, Virgil		112.50
Bragg, Thomas	3.00	5.85
Brown, Frances and Clyde	3.00	5.40
Chesley, Alfred		54.00
Conant, Leon		19.80
Comeau, C. R.		82.35
Chamberlain, Wilbur		7.65
Crockett, Harold	3.00	69.85
Drake, Bernard		.90
Dyer, Mabel		9.00
Dillingham, Marian		180.00
Edwards, Alton	3.00	110.70
Estes, John and Hazel		6.75
Enman, Lester		27.00
Farris, Guy	3.00	9.90
Farris, Amy		60.75
Fortier, Rosaire		6.75
Gammon, J. G.		44.55
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie		33.75
Gammon, J., Jr.		99.00
Gammon, I. F., Heirs		65.25
Gilman, Ralph and Ruth		72.00
Hazelton, Kenneth	3.00	24.30
Mains, Sheldon and Grace		123.75
Newton, E. E. and Norma B.		31.50
Robinson, Perley		9.00
Redding, John		18.00
Robinson, Mary		16.65
Richardson, Donald		58.50
*Stetson, Richard	3.00	36.00

Trask, Floyd	68.40	99.00
Trask, Bernard	.90	58.50
Tuell, Emily	5.40	108.00
Tucker, Vivian and Ruth	8.35	144.00
Waters, Claude and Harriett		91.50
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Total	\$ 30.00	\$537.05
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		\$3,255.60

Non-Resident

Allen, C. E.	\$ 84.15
Brown, Elizabeth R.	4.50
Bisbee, W. L.	27.00
Bisbee, Norman	27.00
Churchill, Elmer E.	9.90
Daniels, Alfred	99.90
Estabrook, Payson and Wayne A.	49.50
*Farrar, Evelyn	9.00
*Farrar, Robert	13.50
*Irish, Lawrence C.	58.50
Irish, Lena N.	11.25
Jordan, Charles W.	54.00
McFarlene, William and Shirley	9.00
McAlister, Clinton	67.50
Redding, George	69.75
Rasmussen, A. V.	79.20
Staples, Daniel	27.00
Thomas, Richard and Constance	117.00
Tucker, George	31.50
Walters, Nelson and Martha	51.75
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	\$ 900.90
Total Unpaid	<hr/>
	\$4,156.50

* Paid after books closed.

1950 UNPAID PERSONAL TAX

	Poll	Personal
Abbott, Glen	\$ 3.00	\$
Abbott, Sidney E.		34.00
Ackley, Paul		4.80
Bragg, Harry		15.00
Bragg, Thomas		5.60
Farris, Guy	3.00	4.00
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie		17.60
McCormick, William	3.00	4.00
Trask, Floyd		64.80
Trask, Bernard		.80
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	\$ 9.00	\$157.40

UNPAID 1949

Guy Farris	\$ 2.00
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TAX STATEMENT 1951

Commitment	\$27,248.97
Supplementary	235.50
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Total	\$27,484.47
Treasurer Received	\$23,072.64
Abatements	12.00
Uncollected	4,305.00
Error of	94.83
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	\$27,484.47

This error has been corrected since books closed.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

This does not include any Town Property
Resources

Money in Checking Account, Feb. 1, 1952	\$2,413.70
Uncollected Taxes, 1951	4,305.00
Unpaid Tax Liens, 1950	1,686.20

Expired Tax Liens prior to 1950	304.80
Unpaid Personal Taxes, 1950	150.60
Total	\$8,860.30
Liabilities	
Trust Funds Used by Town	\$2,500.00
Balance Due Collector, 1951	35.00
Note at Norway Nat'l Bank, Schoolhouse	3,000.00
Total	\$5,535.00
Balance of Resources over Liabilities,	
Total Balance	\$3,325.30

Respectfully submitted,

ARLAN E. FARRAR,
 JOHN S. TAYLOR,
 ARTHUR C. ALLEN,
 Selectmen of Sumner

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintending School Committee

Lelia Taylor	Term expires 1952
Alma Abbott	Term expires 1953
Chester Cole	Term expires 1954

Superintendent of Schools

ALFRED A. BRACY

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Sumner:

I herewith submit my annual report of the condition of the Schools at Sumner together with an itemized statement of income and expenditures for the fiscal year 1951-1952.

A positive stride forward has been made in the education of the children of Sumner. The addition to the West Sumner school now makes it possible to have the upper grade pupils taught together. Eventually when adequate reference and textbooks are provided the children will be much better equipped to enter High School.

Some repairs are necessary. The fire commissioner has ordered the doors at the East Sumner schoolhouse to be rehung to open outward. There has been a leak in the roof at the Morrill School. How serious it is cannot be told at present but it is being examined and by Town Meeting time we should be able to tell what repairs will be necessary.

The interior of the East Sumner school should be repainted. The Morrill school needs repainting also. Provisions should be made for some type of portico at the entrance to the new room at West Sumner. Melting snow drips from the eaves and forms a hazardous condition which should be remedied.

The Jay school board thru the Superintendent of schools offers to contract with any town having no High School. This

school committee will permit students to attend Jay High School for an annual tuition rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year. School board members and interested citizens have been invited to visit unannounced to see the High School in operation.

The superintending school committee offers the following recommendations for your consideration at the annual Town Meeting:

Support of Common Schools	\$8,000.00
Supplies and textbooks	400.00
Superintendent's Salary	630.00
Office Expense	35.00
High School Tuition	2,000.00
Repairs	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED A. BRACY,
Superintendent of Schools

SUMNER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Financial Statement

1951-1952

Income

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Textbooks and Supplies	200.00
State Aid	4,106.33
City of Auburn	420.00
Town of Hartford	18.00
Interest	4.84
Check Returned	15.10
Balance 1951	651.31

	\$11,415.58

Expenditures

Teaching	\$5,533.82
Janitor	280.00
Conveyance	3,835.30
Fuel	268.34
Textbooks and Supplies	312.44
Office Secretary	52.00
	10,281.90
Unexpended, 1952 Balance	\$ 1,133.68

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Balance 1951	893.28
State Aid	460.37
	\$1,853.65
Expended	\$1,853.65
	Balance

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Balance 1951	112.57
	\$ 212.57
Transferred to Special West Sumner School Account	\$ 212.57
	Balance

No money was expended for repairs. All money was used in Special Addition West Sumner School, a report of which follows the School Department report.

SUPERINTENDENT

Appropriated	\$ 475.00
Balance 1951	79.70

H. A. Foster	\$ 197.90
Alfred Bracy	367.20

	565.10
Overdraft 1952	\$ 10.40

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriated	\$ 35.00

H. A. Foster	\$ 35.00
Alfred Bracy	10.60

	17.00

	27.60
Balance 1952	\$ 7.40

EXPENDITURES**Teaching**

Esther Merrill	\$ 520.56
Annie Garey	1,382.04
Irene Stetson	557.04
Martha Jackson	101.61
Town Treasurer	146.75
State Treasurer	134.26
Vivian Woodbury	825.00
Beulah Cole	825.00
Sadie D'Aiutolo	825.00
Helen Stackhouse	29.60

Elaine Mann	220.00

	\$5,566.86
Retirement in Escrow for January	33.04

	\$5,533.82

Conveyance

David Boyle	\$ 519.00
Beulah Cole	1,471.00
Chester DeCoster	315.00
Doris Gammon	58.80
Kenneth Meyers	210.00
Virgil Barrett	34.50
Floyd Trask	1,182.00
I. F. Gammon	45.00

	\$3,835.30

Janitor

Zelda Wing	\$ 12.00
Darwin Stevens	28.00
Raymond Hammond	63.00
Tina Hammond	65.00
B. E. Farrar	15.00
Gerald Farrar	39.00
Beulah Cole	28.00
Carman Abbott	15.00
Arlan Farrar, Jr.	15.00

	\$ 280.00

Supplies and Textbooks

World Book Company	\$ 4.99
Webster Publishing Co.	77.83
Loring Short & Harmon	15.89
Esther Merrill	7.11

M. N. Perkins Co.	5.70
Pinewood Press	5.75
Scott Foresman Co.	88.94
Laidlaw Bros.	10.59
Allan H. Murray	11.59
MacMillan Company	39.72
Coles General Store	34.03
Gledhill Bros.	3.60
Berry Paper Company	5.60
Ginn & Company	1.10
	\$ 312.44

Fuel	
West Sumner School	\$ 2.00
L. E. Irish	16.00
Henry Benson	3.00
David Chamberlain	119.00
Armand Chamberlain	6.00
L. M. Longley & Son	105.34
Gerald Farrar	17.00
	\$ 268.34

Office Secretary	
Bessie Gordon	\$ 52.00
High School Tuition	
Town of Paris	\$1,331.20
Town of Buckfield	522.45
	\$1,853.65

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

Beulah Cole	East Sumner
Vivian Woodbury	West Sumner
Annie Garey	West Sumner
Sadie D'Aiutolo	Morrill
Elaine Mann	Music

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Term—Sept. 4, 1951 to Dec. 21, 1951	16 weeks
Second Term—Jan. 2, 1952 to Feb. 15, 1952	7 weeks
Third Term—Feb. 25, 1952 to Apr. 11, 1952	7 weeks
Fourth Term—Apr. 21, 1952 to June 6, 1952	7 weeks

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
East Sumner	6	5	6	2	3	2	0	0	24
West Sumner	4	7	8	12	8	5	6	10	60
Morrill	4	5	3	5	0	4	6	0	27
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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

West Paris	11
South Paris	1
Buckfield	3

West Sumner Addition

At the last town meeting twenty-four hundred dollars were appropriated, "With intention of major repairs or a new school house". To supplement this was a loan of three thousand dollars from the Norway National Bank, and two hundred twelve dollars and fifty-seven cents in the regular school repair account, which the School Board had agreed should be used.

The school Building Committee, headed by Horace Cobb, agreed that an addition to the West Sumner building would be the most feasible course of action.

Plans were submitted to Deputy Commissioner Bailey of the State Department of Education for approval. The approved plans called for a one room addition to the existing structure. They also made provisions for modern toilets, lavatories, a drinking fountain, and a central heating plant.

An undertaking such as this would border upon the

foolhardy without public spirited citizens and careful management. Capt. N. N. Gates donated 3,000 ft. of hemlock logs. R. P. Millett gave the equivalent of 1,000 ft. of pine logs. A. E. Farrar donated his time and truck for cutting, yarding, and hauling logs. Horace Cobb, as Chairman of the Building Committee gave freely of his time not only in supervising but in making trips for supplies and in checking on bids with the various suppliers. And many other people too numerous to mention tried to do their part to prove that the State-wide figure of slightly more than a thousand dollars per pupil to erect a building could be greatly bettered in Sumner.

The completed classroom minus the desks is a credit to any community. The Committee is aware, however, of some rather important things which couldn't be completed and would like to point them out.

1. There should be some kind of vestibule to protect the entrance from melting snow or rain.
2. The floor should be covered with asphalt tile.
3. Modern desks and furniture should have been installed. But, considering that this addition including a heating plant, ventilators, and toilet rooms cost under sixty-five hundred dollars, it is obvious that no more could have been done. The Town of Sumner should feel proud of the efficient, economical job that was done.

Following is an itemized account of costs together with the amount available as working capital.

Appropriated	\$2,400.00
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School Repair Account	212.57
Loan from Norway National Bank	3,000.00
Total	\$5,612.57

Expenditures

Labor and Supplies	6,320.49
Overdraft	\$ 707.92

Orders Drawn

J. H. Ellingwood, Lumber	\$ 17.52
Penley Bros., Lumber	272.29
Gerald Gammon	135.84
L. Mann & Son, Lumber and Supplies	488.07
G. A. Peterson Co., Cement	373.43
Lewiston Plumbing Co., Supplies	165.47
Ernest Wilkins, Supplies	48.36
J. L. Hammett Co., Supplies	3.14
Lewiston Hardware, Supplies	6.27
J. W. White, Supplies	4.80
N. Dayton Bolster, Supplies	6.20
Cole's Store, Supplies	141.09
J. B. Cole and Son, Supplies	5.45
Hannel Bros., Supplies	12.10
Polar Chem. Co., Supplies	10.00
Walter E. Appleby, Furnace	1,699.80
V. G. Barrett, Labor	710.19
P. V. Redding, Labor	287.50
W. A. Bonney, Labor	14.00
Horace Cobb, Labor	192.28

H. B. Crockett, Labor	214.00
C. M. Abbott, Labor	62.25
A. E. Farrar, Labor	54.00
John Gibbs, Labor	376.26
Guy Heath, Labor	58.50
E. G. Garey, Labor	238.00
Eldred Newton, Labor	22.50
Richard Andrews, Labor	101.25
John Estes, Labor	26.56
Robert Farrar, Labor	24.90
Arthur Farrar, Labor	24.90
Floyd Varney, Labor	26.56
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Total	\$6,320.49

ANNUAL REPORT of PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Sumner — 1951

Year after year the people of your community have participated in the various services offered by the Public Health Nurse. Among the many phases of the program available to you are Child Health Conferences, Crippled Children's and Pediatric Clinics, the School Health Program, and home visiting.

Last summer a Child Health Conference was held. Thirty-seven children received examinations over the three month period. Immunizations were also offered.

The School Health Program is one in which every mother and father has an interest. Your nurse plans to visit the schools monthly and make home visits where indicated. Physical examinations were given in the fall to 101 children by Dr. Nangle. Forty-eight of these children received immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, and 4 were vaccinated against smallpox.

Home visits are made at the request of some member of a family or the family physician for the purpose of giving assistance to the expectant mother, to parents and to homes in which prolonged illness has created problems.

Several children of your town are benefitting from the service of the Crippled Children's Clinic. Following these clinics your nurse visits homes where indicated to assist parents in carrying out recommended home treatment.

At this time the nurse wishes to express her appreciation to the Mother's Club and all others who have assisted in the community health program.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY E. DuBOIS, R.N.,
Public Health Nurse

AUDITOR'S REPORT

State of Maine

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta

October 22, 1951

Board of Selectmen

Sumner, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sumner have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1951.

The examination was made by Auditor S. M. Emery in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor

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COMMENTS
Town of Sumner

February 3, 1950 to February 2, 1951

An audit has been completed of the books and records of the Town of Sumner for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1951. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk. The result of the audit indicates that the following suggestions appear worthy of consideration by the town officials:

Trust funds totaling \$2,500.00 have not been invested in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 106, of the Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended. This amount of money is a part of the general fund cash and consideration should be given to invest this money per statutory requirements.

Bank passbooks of trust fund monies should be taken to the bank at least yearly so that earned interest could be added.

Transfers between accounts should be recorded by journal entries rather than the use of checks for this purpose.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that expenditures exceeded available funds by \$1,629.57 and is summarized as follows:

Overdrafts	\$2,993.49
Unexpended Balances	1,363.92
 Net Overdrafts	 \$1,629.57

This condition was brought about by overdrafts in various appropriation accounts more particularly the overdrafts in the highways and bridges and charity accounts totaling \$2,337.31 and \$434.41 respectively. The Department of Attorney Gen-

eral has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by Statute excepting in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The unappropriated surplus of \$7,273.46 at the beginning of the year was reduced to \$5,643.89 at the year end. This change was caused by the net overdraft of the appropriation accounts.

The examination also included verification of accounts receivable, tax and tax lien accounts. Insurance policies were listed and corporate surety bonds were found on file for the following officials:

Tax Collector	\$5,000.00
Treasurer	\$3,000.00

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the Town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed appropriate to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at February 2, 1951, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

EXHIBIT A

**Town of Sumner
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

February 2, 1951 February 2, 1950

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 7,226.74	\$2,667.10
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	168.30	1.00
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2)	4,459.48	4,983.96
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	2,101.58	1,611.16
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-4)	318.29	318.29
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$14,274.39	\$9,581.51

LIABILITIES

Due Trust Funds (Sch. A-6)	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00
RESERVE		
Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	6,130.50	191.95
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated (Ex. C)	5,643.89	7,273.46
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$14,274.39	\$9,581.51

DEBT FUND

ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue		\$1,100.00
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LIABILITIES

Notes Payable		\$1,100.00
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TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Time Deposits	\$ 585.61	\$ 585.61
Investments	2,750.00	2,750.00
Due from General Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$5,835.61	\$5,835.61

LIABILITIES

Principals (Sch. A-5)	\$5,829.00	\$5,829.00
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-5)	6.61	6.61
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$5,835.61	\$5,835.61

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF SUMNER
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
YEARS ENDED FEBRUARY 2, 1951, 1950 and 1949

REVENUES:	1951	1950	1949
Tax Commitment	\$23,881.60	\$24,065.04	\$20,194.12
Supplemental Taxes	42.00	57.00	129.10
Excise Taxes	1,637.80	1,512.54	1,396.61
State of Maine	9,420.94	9,444.08	11,559.48
Lient Costs and Interest	230.68	230.97	180.40
Use of Highway Equipment	1,229.75	650.50	157.63
Reimbursements—Charity	1,489.87	896.49	985.31
Tuition	546.00	162.00	144.00
Interest of School Fund	4.40	3.51	28.10
Cemetery Trust Fund Income	22.50	39.31	25.00
Reimbursement—Conveyance			
Snow Removal	108.50	165.00	
Auctioneer's License	54.00	4.00	
Sale of Junk			
Donations		30.00	
Miscellaneous		63.56	
Insurance Claim		38.30	
TOTAL REVENUES		<hr/> 37,284.44	
ADD:		<hr/> 44,076.39	
		<hr/> <hr/> 34,931.61	

Transfer from Surplus				
DEDUCT:				
Revenues Applicable to Appropriation				
Carrying Balances	6,322.45			
TOTAL	\$37,753.94			
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	2,530.33			
Protection	73.95			
Health and Sanitation	232.37			
Highways and Bridges	16,430.92			
Charity	3,985.71			
Education	11,761.18			
Municipal Indebtedness	1,100.00			
Cemeteries	126.25			
Special Assessments	2,989.40			
Unclassified	153.40			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	39,383.51			
DEDUCT:				
Expenditures Applicable to Appropriation				
Carrying Balances		1,016.82		
TOTAL	39,383.51			
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS			1,547.82	
EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES				36,222.64
				\$ 1,629.57
				\$ 1,126.84
				\$ 1,254.45
				\$ 33,676.96
				\$ 34,931.61
				\$ 65.04

REPORT of VITAL STATISTICS

NUMBER OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

For the Year 1951

Births	Fourteen (14)
Marriages	Ten (10)
Deaths	Eleven (11)

February 12, at West Sumner, Maine, Norris L. Newell, aged 60 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

February 19, at C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, Mary Ellen Bragg, aged 51 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Canton.

February 23, at East Sumner, Maine, Agnes M. Burgess, aged 63 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

March 17, at Sumner, Maine, Mary E. Emerson, aged 84 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Orange, N. J.

May 4, at Bangor, Maine, Agnes Hammond Garland, aged 68 years. Residence, Brewer. Birthplace, Sumner.

July 30, at West Sumner, Maine, Corry A. Bonney, aged 86 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

August 2, at Hartford, Maine, Perley S. Bradeen, aged 70 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

September 16, at Augusta, Maine, Addie Chute Brock, aged 82 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Otisfield.

October 8, at Lewiston, Maine, Marieann L. Comeau, aged 73 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, N. B., Canada.

November 25, at C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, Glennis F. Hadley, aged 11 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Woodstock.

December 5, at C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, Maude O. Barrows, aged 69 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Norway.

MARY B. HICKS,
Clerk

DOGS

Males	61
Females	10
Spayed	15
Kennel	2

KENNEL NO. 1 CONTAINED

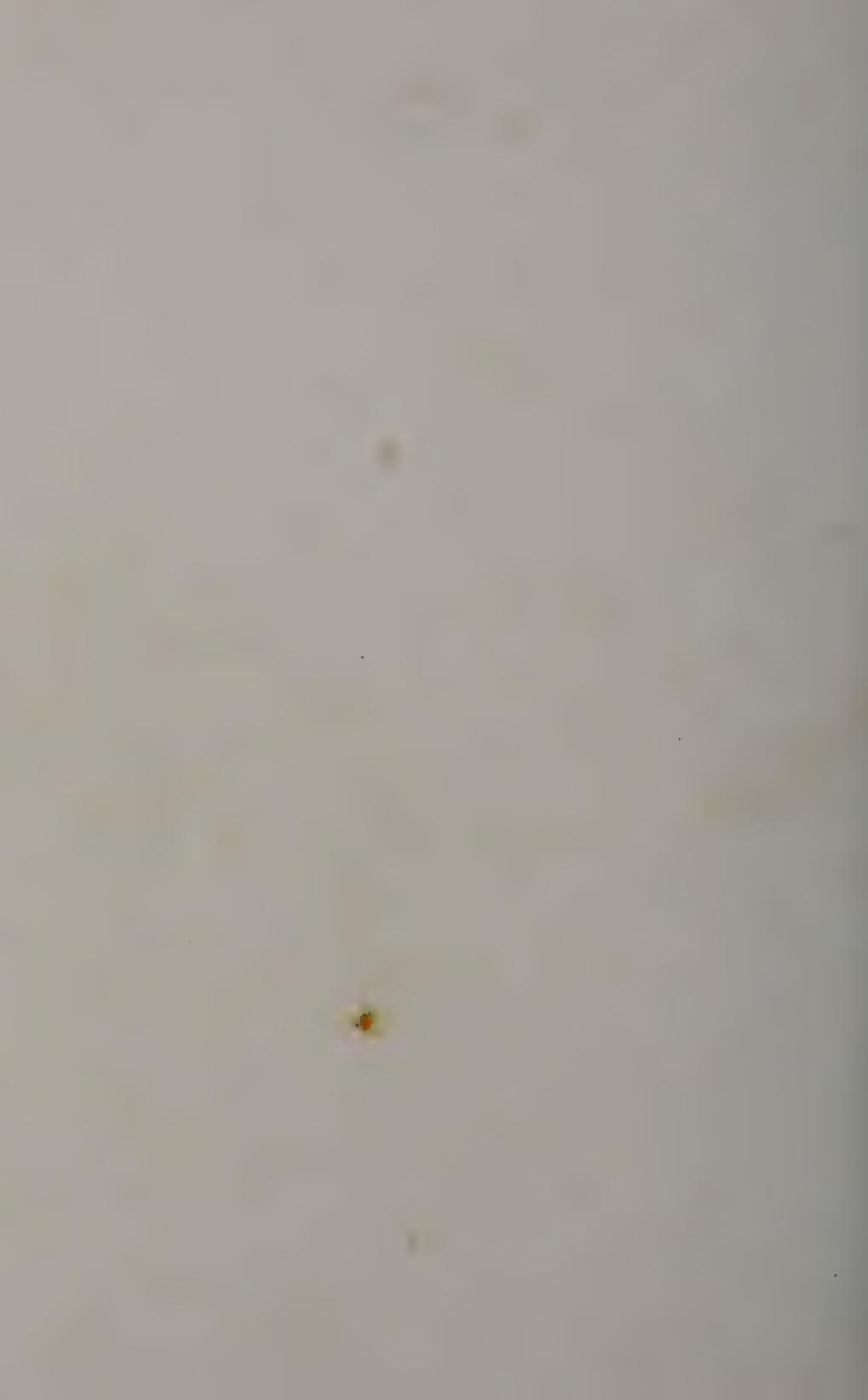
Males	5
Females	24
Spayed	3

KENNEL NO. 2 CONTAINED

Males	2
Females	3

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Annual Report

Town of

SUMNER

MAINE



For the Year Ending February 2

1953

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF

SUMNER, MAINE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1953

1952 TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

C. J. COLE

Clerk

MARY HICKS

Treasurer

C. J. COLE

Tax Collector

COLISTA STEVENS

Constable

V. G. BARRETT

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

JOHN S. TAYLOR

F. SHELDON MAINS

FLOYD E. TRASK

Road Commissioner

V. G. BARRETT

Superintending School Committee

ALMA ABBOTT

C. J. COLE

LELIA TAYLOR

Superintendent of Schools

ALFRED A. BRACY

Health Officer

V. G. BARRETT

Fire Wardens

A. E. FARRAR JOHN S. TAYLOR

Treasurer of Ministerial Fund

H. L. COBB

TOWN WARRANT

To Virgil G. Barrett, a constable in the Town of Sumner, in the County of Oxford. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Union Grange Hall, East Sumner, in said town, on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1953, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 2, 1953.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to call for bids for the collection of taxes.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more road commissioners for the coming year.

Art. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town officers' salaries.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to place control of town equipment in the hands of the Selectmen. Control to include care of equipment and selection of operating personnel.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the support of the common schools and for tuition of high school pupils for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the repair of schoolhouses.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor and supplementary old age assistance for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray miscellaneous accounts for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town ways.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance of town buildings.

Art. 18. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau, to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with R. S. Chapter 11, Sections 622-63-64.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay miscellaneous accounts and town debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the town for the money so borrowed, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1953 out of money raised during the year 1953 by taxes.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day Services.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for public health nursing in Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to reimburse the treasury.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be applied on the \$3,000 West Sumner School addition note of which \$1,000 must be paid annually.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) to retire the 1952-53 Snow Account note maturing Dec. 1, 1953.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850) to retire the first of two serial notes on the Walter truck, maturing Dec. 1, 1953.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the town on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of town officers' bonds — i.e. town treasurer, tax collector, constable, road commissioner.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire fighting equipment.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for smallpox vaccination of townspeople who want it.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries and interest on cemetery trust funds used by the town.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the physical examinations of all children in the schools of Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the superintending school committee.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to charge interest at 4% on all unpaid taxes, personal and real estate, and all tax liens after April 1, 1953, on 1952 taxes.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-six dollars for street lighting service.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civilian Defense purposes.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$150 from Denis and Henry Parlin, the interest to be used annually for the care of the Addison Parlin lot in West Sumner Cemetery.

Art. 37. To see if the town of Sumner, Maine, will vote to accept the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) from the estate of the late Cora Mae Crockett, to be held in trust, that they shall use the income therefrom for the perpetual care of her cemetery lot number sixty-five (65) in the Elmwood Cemetery, East Sumner.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of participating in an area Dental Hygiene program for school children.

Art. 39. To see what action the town will take concerning alteration of the tractor house so that the Walter truck may be kept under cover.

Art. 40. To see whether the town will vote to close to motor vehicles the direct road extending from the East Sumner schoolhouse over Eastman Hill to the Four Corners during winter months; and to maintain said road as a safe sliding place.

Art. 41. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this second day of February
A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. TAYLOR
F. SHELDON MAINS
FLOYD E. TRASK

A true copy attest:

VIRGIL G. BARRETT
Constable

Dinner will be served at Union Grange Hall.

RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1953

Art. 6.	Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Art. 7.	Snow Removal	3,000.00
Art. 9.	Support of Schools and High School Tuition	13,065.00
Art. 10.	Repair of Schoolhouses	125.00
Art. 11.	Support of Poor	1,500.00
Art. 12	Aid to Dependent Children	600.00
Art. 13.	Repair of Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
Art. 15.	Cutting Bushes	300.00
Art. 16.	State Aid Road	1,066.00
Art. 17.	Insurance on Town Buildings	80.00
Art. 21.	Memorial Services	75.00
Art. 22.	Public Health Nursing	75.00
Art. 24.	West Sumner Addition Note	1,000.00
Art. 25.	Snow Account Note	2,500.00
Art. 26.	Walter Truck Note	850.00
Art. 28.	Town Officers' Bonds	70.00
Art. 29.	Fire Equipment	100.00
Art. 31.	Interest and Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Art. 32.	School Physicals	50.00
Art. 34.	Street Lighting	96.00
Art. 38.	Dental Hygiene	70.00

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Value of Real Estate

Resident	\$159,070.00
Non-Resident	99,835.00
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Total Real Estate	\$258,905.00
Value of Personal Estate	
Resident	\$ 42,587.00
Non-Resident	5,365.00
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Total Personal Estate	\$ 47,952.00
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Grand Total	\$306,857.00
Total Value of Land	\$149,075.00
Total Value of Buildings	\$109,830.00

VALUE OF LIVESTOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total
Horses, Mules and Ponies	57	\$49.00	\$2,795.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	2	50.00	100.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef Cattle over 18 mos.	11	69.00	765.00
Milk Cows including Heifers that have freshened	186	67.00	12,575.00
Heifers over two years old not yet freshened	30	50.00	1,505.00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs. old	23	40.00	920.00
Sheep, over 35 in number	2	15.00	30.00
Domestic Fowl, over 50 in no.	1,285	.90	1,157.00
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Total of Taxable Livestock			\$19,847.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Cattle 18 mos. and younger	132	\$20.00	\$2,685.00
Goats to no. of 35 and kids	5	10.00	50.00
Sheep to no. of 35	82	15.00	1,230.00
Swine to no. of 10	30	24.00	740.00
Domestic Fowl, to no. of 50	648	1.00	648.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$, 6,600.00
Logs	40M	320.00
Lumber	153M	2,295.00
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	10	1,100.00
Musical Instruments	46	1,225.00
Radios	131	2,025.00
Tractors	6	650.00
Machinery and Equipment		3,625.00
Other Property		10,265.00
12 Miles Power Lines		5,500.00
Saw Mills		1,700.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Common Schools	8,000.00
High School Tuition	2,000.00
Textbooks and Supplies	400.00
Superintendent's Salary	630.00
Office Expense	35.00
Repairs on Schools	200.00
Support of Poor	1,500.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	50.00
Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
State Aid Road	1,066.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Health Nurse	75.00
New Snow Plow	1,000.00
Town Officers' Bonds	70.00
Fire Equipment	200.00
Care of Cemeteries and Interest on Trust Funds	130.00
Physical Examination of School Children	50.00

Civil Defense	50.00
Street Lighting	96.00
Aid to Dependent Children	800.00
Note on School Building	1,000.00
To Reimburse the Treasury	1,000.00
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Total Appropriation	\$26,427.00
County Tax	942.31
Overlay	661.82
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Total Commitment	\$28,031.13
Number of Polls Taxed	138
Number of Polls not Taxed	19
Rate of Taxation	.090

**Report of Overseers of the Poor
TOWN POOR ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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World War II Veteran No. 1

Orders Drawn:	
City of Auburn	\$147.00
Tilton's Market	203.37
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	\$ 350.37

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Orders Drawn:	
Town of Paris	\$1,052.02

Supplementary Old Age Assistance

Orders Drawn:	
I. W. Andrews and Son	\$ 56.00
Rumford Community Hospital	16.90
Dr. R. L. McCormack	78.50
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	\$ 151.40
Total Orders Drawn	<hr/>
	\$1,553.79
Total Overdraft	<hr/>
	\$ 53.79

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

World War I Veteran No. 1

Orders Drawn:	
Davis' Store	\$841.01
I. W. Andrews and Son	8.00
Thomas P. Nangle, M.D.	68.00
Norway Hospital	49.00
A. E. Farrar	6.00
Cole's Store	78.03

Dr. Allen Weeks	10.00
Total Orders Drawn	\$1,060.04
Amount Received from City of Auburn	854.92
Due from City of Auburn, Feb. 2, 1952	\$ 205.12
Clyde Brown	
Orders Drawn:	
Davis' Store	\$769.77
Cole's Store	62.38
Central Maine Power Co.	11.65
A. C. Allen	64.00
John W. Estes	14.00
A. E. Farrar	7.50
West Paris Pharmacy	.85
Dr. Edmond Lebel	15.00
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 945.15
Amount Received from Town of Paris	947.15
Overpayment	\$ 2.00
Henry Jackson	
Orders Drawn:	
Alfred Oestrich, M.D.	\$ 35.00
Rumford Community Hospital	87.10
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 122.10
Received from Livermore	122.10
Unsettled Case No. 1—1951-52	
Orders Drawn:	
Cole's Store	\$ 12.73
Due from Other Town or State	26.62
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 39.35
Unsettled Case No. 2—1951	
Due from Other Town or State	\$ 68.00

STATE POOR**Case No. 1**

Orders Drawn:	
Cole's Store	\$196.78
C. M. G. Hospital	125.50
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	\$ 322.28

Case No. 2

Orders Drawn:	
Cole's Store	\$ 35.72

Case No. 3

Orders Drawn:	
Davis' Store	\$ 130.67
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Total Orders Drawn	\$ 488.67
Received from State Treasurer	488.87
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Overpayment by Error	\$.20

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Orders Drawn:	
State Treasurer	\$ 531.54
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Unexpended	\$ 268.46

**Report of Selectmen
TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Orders Drawn:	
John Taylor	\$500.00
F. Sheldon Mains	100.00
Floyd Trask	85.00
C. J. Cole	150.00
Colista Stevens	200.00
 Total Expended	 \$1,035.00
 Unexpended	 \$ 165.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation	\$ 70.00
Orders Drawn:	
Goodwin's Inc.	58.00
 Unexpended	 \$ 12.00

SNOW ACCOUNT

A. E. Farrar, Commissioner

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Town of Woodstock for '50-'51	75.00
State Returns	1,784.30
Town of Woodstock for '51-'52	150.00
Town of Buckfield	65.25
Town of Hartford	14.50
Due from Hartford	53.25
Loan	3,500.00
 Total Available	 \$7,642.20
Orders Drawn:	
Labor:	
F. A. Cooper	\$ 75.67
A. E. Farrar	688.00

C. M. Abbott	193.12
H. F. Varney	68.06
Irving Bartlett	167.66
Guy Heath	19.92
Elden Garey	22.41
H. C. Benson	37.81
J. S. Taylor	228.50
Eugene Farrar	157.76
Philip Edmunds	115.37
Arlan Farrar, Jr.	60.17
Omar Farrar	104.64
Sidney Abbott	6.64
Malvern Hammond	34.21
Chester Andrews	21.99
Esther Andrews	7.88
Lee Arris	33.20
Kenneth Cole	15.77
Albert Conant	7.47
Harold Estes	12.45
Ashley Allen	7.47
Albert Allen	7.47
Arthur Farrar	42.57
Jack Henderson	20.75
Edison Henderson	14.94
Fred Henderson	9.13
Robert Farrar	24.89
Vernon Farrar	83.19
Eugene Hazelton	3.73
Warren Hazelton	19.09
Darwin Stevens	30.37
Wayne Lawrence	15.77
Erlon Hadley	23.37
Carroll Hadley	15.03
Clifford Lowe	7.47
Dwight Stevens	5.81
Herbert Bean	8.30

Howard Stevens	4.98
Carl Stevens, Jr.	8.30
H. B. Crockett	4.98
Warden Hale	12.91
Ellis Kilponen	6.96
Stacey Bedard	6.64
James Henry	5.81
Donald Richardson	4.98
Philip D'Aiutolo	3.32
Donald Webster	4.98
Armand Paradis	14.94
Joseph Paradis	4.15
Edward Gammon	4.15
Ralph Estes	.83
Gerald Farrar	12.45
Eldred Hammond	13.28
John Trenworth	4.15
Paul Ackley	4.15
Norman Turner	30.24
Kyle Cooper	43.50
Merle Jack	4.20
Leland Jack	4.20
Charles Cooper	6.72
Dwight Buck	5.88
Walter Scott	5.88
Robert Scott	5.04
Clint McAllister	5.88
Richard McAllister	5.04
George Turner	135.72
Edward Powers	36.00
Gerald Briggs	28.56
Glendon Briggs	127.68
Bertrand Buck	4.80
C. E. Foster Co.	125.00
F. E. Jack	13.28
Roy Briggs	13.28

E. S. Barrett	18.26
Stevens Abbott	82.73
Jerial Abbott	11.62
Glenn Abbott	9.96
Gerry Abbott	1.66
Repairs and Supplies:	
Lewiston Welding Co.	84.50
Eastern Tractor Co.	320.77
Fuller's Inc.	7.46
Fuel:	
David Boyle	17.89
W. H. Knightly	30.08
Express:	
Hansons	.95
	\$3,676.79

V. G. Barrett, Commissioner

Labor:

John Taylor	\$201.00
Malvern Hammond	35.70
Clifford M. Abbott	58.34
Omar Farrar	71.00
A. E. Farrar	341.04
Eugene Farrar	5.10
V. G. Barrett	365.50
Arthur Farrar	15.03
Roger Farrar	1.66
Lee Arris	12.45
H. F. Varney	.86.92
Carl Stevens, Jr.	5.81
Darwin Stevens	9.13
Warren Hazelton	9.13
Maurice Benson	133.68
Philip Edmunds	65.25
Harold Maguire	9.14
Guy Heath	51.33

Elden Garey	51.33
Wayne Lawrence	34.80
Donald Webster	92.50
Irving Bartlett	34.54

Fuel:

Davis' Store	31.88
W. H. Knightly	22.78
Benson's Coal and Oil	106.66
C. J. Cole	95.02
David Boyle	50.63
Bonney's Store	5.35

Repairs and Supplies:

West Paris Hardware Co.	2.37
Ellingwood Brothers	110.78
Eastern Tractor and Equipment Co.	1,268.84
Level Lubricants Inc.	94.68
Central Petroleum Co.	19.64
All-States Steel Co.	335.29
Portland Tractor Co.	80.30
Trap Corner Garage	6.23
R. I. Mitchell Inc.	13.88
Snow's Inc.	1.61

Misc.:

Hanson's Express	2.80
C. A. Bonney, sand	19.60
Fogg's Transportation	1.75
State Treasurer, salt	116.80
Lawrence Irish, wood	14.00

\$4,091.27

Total Orders Drawn	\$7,768.06
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Total Overdraft	\$ 125.76
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SNOW NOTES

The snow appropriation was overdrawn nearly \$700 when it was raised. This overdraft and the cost of new tracks took nearly all of the state reimbursement. In addition some roads were not open at town meeting time which placed us in a very difficult financial position. It was necessary to borrow \$2,500.00 additional to pay snow removal bills. The open winter has been some help. Sanding costs have been high, but plowing and repair bills have been very reasonable. Approximate costs for actual snow removal operation this season are as follows:

Sanding: including cost of sand, salt, hauling and spreading

\$624.22

Plowing: only wages and fuel included

401.68

Setting up snow fence

234.91

(These figures do not include foreman's wages, repairs, or supplies.)

New tracks were necessary to replace the ones which were in the tractor house fire. These tracks were sharpened and used in the winter of '50-'51 and again last winter. By the time all the plowing was done, they were completely useless.

At the October special meeting the town voted to purchase a used Walter truck and plow instead of the projected light truck plow and wing. While the wisdom of this move is still in question, the officers feel that the truck has worked out well and will prove to be money saving equipment over a period of years.

This year's cost may seem high for such an easy winter, however much of it has been used for supplies still on hand.

Rather extensive repairs to the track frames, etc., were also necessary this year. These repairs being a benefit to all accounts under which the tractor is used were charged against the equipment account.

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT**V. G. Barrett, Commissioner**

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
Brown Company	547.60
C. J. Cole, refund for tax	44.96
Due from Ivan Morey	98.56
 Total Available	 \$4,191.12
Orders Drawn:	
Labor and Trucks:	
V. G. Barrett	\$663.00
Omar Farrar	220.00
Elden Garey	162.74
Guy Heath	199.93
Eugene Hazelton	9.96
Rosaire Fortier	18.00
John Redding	29.47
A. E. Farrar	598.67
Malverne Hammond	3.32
Arthur Farrar	53.12
Chester DeCoster	17.10
John Taylor	246.00
L. H. Poland	21.04
Sidney E. Abbott	12.00
Clifford Abbott	73.19
Maurice Benson	258.56
Albert Penley	61.60
George Turner	10.52
Floyd Varney	104.58
W. A. Bonney	6.64
Irving Bartlett	34.86
Arlan Farrar, Jr.	13.28
Philip D'Aiutolo	23.66
Stevens Abbott	36.00
Jeriel Abbott	13.28

Lee Arris	19.92
Eino Rosenberg	8.30
Philip Edmunds	2.49
Earl Jack	24.15
Repairs and Supplies:	
Eastern Tractor and Equipment Co.	191.44
Bonney's Store	4.80
Trap Corner Garage	14.50
Ellingwood Brothers	35.03
Snow's Inc.	31.20
All-States Steel	72.69
Gravel, Culverts, Plank:	
Guy Heath	21.00
A. E. Farrar	16.66
New England Metal Culvert Co.	302.08
L. E. Irish	99.10
C. A. Bonney	150.00
Penley Brothers	84.96
Gammon Lumber Co.	212.37
Fuel:	
A. E. Farrar	4.20
Davis' Store	19.83
W. H. Knightly	30.94
David Boyle	12.99
C. J. Cole	25.26
Miscellaneous:	
Hanson's Express	10.76
Town of Livermore (Hire of Grader)	25.00
State Treasurer (Tar)	44.96
	\$4,355.15
Total Overdraft	\$ 164.03

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT COMMENTS

Our highway accounts were hit very hard by a bad

washout on the Redding Road caused in part by the replacement of a bridge across the Common Brook. The bridge had been removed after causing a similar washout in the fall of 1951. We received reimbursement from the Brown Company and have the promise of further reimbursement from Ivan Morey. More money was spent to fill a washout starting at the top of the hill in front of the Del Davenport farm and extending the whole length of the hill. There is much more work to be done here. The Sumner Hill Road was virtually impassable, also, from Julian Dyer's to Rene Duchesne's and little better beyond. Much of Arthur Allen's road and the Tuell Hill Road remained impassable until late summer. Potash Hill is still in very poor condition despite considerable money spent there.

A heavy grader was hired from Livermore and several miles of road were graded and ditched in hopes to prevent some future washouts. Considerable work was also done with the bulldozer which has helped snow removal greatly and has improved drainage.

Our many wooden culverts and small bridges have, as usual, proved to be a serious liability. They will not stand up under trucks of 15 to 20 tons gross weight. Some of these have been replaced with steel or concrete.

A special resolve of \$500 nearly doubled the improved section of the Redding Road. It is now possible to plow from Twin Bridges to Morrill School with both wings down.

A special resolve of \$400 plus \$600 from the Town Road Improvement Fund was used to improve a part of the Sumner Hill Road. Much adverse comment has been aimed at the work but it is hoped it may be at least semi-permanent. Here again the snow removal situation will be eased in a hard winter. The remainder of the Town Road Improvement Fund was spent on the John Bonney Road. This extended the improved section of this

road from Tommy Bragg's to some distance beyond the Claude Waters place.

Very little consideration has been given to the maintenance of the improved sections of road once they have been built. As a result we are losing the benefit of this work and gaining little or nothing on our unimproved roads. Some maintenance work on these roads is becoming very necessary.

CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN WAYS

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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Orders Drawn:	
H. F. Varney	\$ 83.00
Arthur Farrar	63.08
Fred Henderson	36.00
Eino Rosenberg	20.00
John Taylor	16.00
Morris Bryant	30.71
Guy Heath	13.28
Carl Bonney	3.32
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Total Expended	\$286.39
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Unexpended	\$ 13.61

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

State Allotment	\$2,127.93
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Orders Drawn:	
V. G. Barrett	\$112.50
John Taylor	104.50
Omar Farrar	20.88
Arthur Farrar	3.92
Irving Bartlett	76.56
Maurice Benson, Loader	425.60
Maurice Benson, Truck	234.00
Albert Penley, Truck	209.04
L. H. Poland, Truck	194.92
Frank Bragg, Truck	193.58

A. E. Farrar, Truck	212.53
Town of Sumner, Bulldozer	157.50
Bancroft and Martin, Culverts	182.40

Total Orders Drawn	\$2,127.93
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SPECIAL RESOLVE — SUMNER HILL ROAD

State Allotment	\$ 399.68
Orders Drawn:	
V. G. Barrett	\$ 17.50
Sidney E. Abbott	8.00
John Taylor	8.00
Irving Bartlett	13.92
Maurice Benson, Loader	89.60
Maurice Benson, Truck	49.92
Albert Penley, Truck	49.92
L. H. Poland, Truck	42.72
Frank Bragg, Truck	42.72
A. E. Farrar, Truck	37.38
Town of Sumner, Bulldozer	40.00

Total Orders Drawn	\$ 399.68
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SPECIAL RESOLVE — REDDING ROAD

State Allotment	\$ 499.51
Orders Drawn:	
V. G. Barrett	\$ 36.00
John Taylor	28.00
Irving Bartlett	25.23
Maurice Benson, Loader	151.20
Maurice Benson, Truck	84.24
L. H. Poland, Truck	49.40
Frank Bragg, Truck	69.42
A. E. Farrar, Truck	16.02
Town of Sumner, Bulldozer	40.00

Total Orders Drawn	\$ 499.51
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NEW TRUCK AND PLOW

Unexpended balance from 1951	\$1,000.00
Appropriation	1,000.00
Loan, Norway National Bank	1,700.00

Total Available	\$3,700.00
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Orders Drawn:	
Portland Tractor Company	\$3,700.00

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$1,066.00
Returns from State	2,132.00

Total Available	\$3,198.00
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Orders Drawn:	
Norway National Bank	\$3,198.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

No Appropriation	
Bank Stock Tax	\$ 40.50
Edgar S. Barrett, Schoolhouse	15.00
Dog Tax Refund	14.40
Railroad and Telephone Tax	280.60
Costs and Interest, Taxes and Liens	232.36
Excise Tax—1952	1,519.07
Excise Tax—1953	296.43

Total Available	\$2,398.36
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Orders Drawn:	
Norway National Bank, Charges and	
Interest	\$378.45
Central Maine Power Co.	191.03
Hanson's Express	1.45
Pinewood Press, Town Reports	235.24
Pinewood Press, Voting Lists	23.80
State Treasurer, School Water Tests	20.10
Loring, Short and Harmon, Office	
Supplies	63.66

Marks Printing House, Office Supplies	24.00
West Paris Fire Department, Halme Fire	51.00
West Paris Village Corporation, Halme Fire	30.00
Emma West, Tax Liens and Transfers	59.00
Emma West, Tax Lien Discharge	24.50
Maine Municipal Association, Dues	35.00
Goodwin's Inc., Insurance on Equipment	233.36
U. S. Auto Guide	7.00
Lewiston Daily Sun, Advertising	4.00
State Treasurer, Audit	249.99
Robert Smith, Legal Advice	6.17
Virgil Barrett, Health Officer	12.00
Virgil Barrett, Constable	12.00
Virgil Barrett, Ballot Clerk	18.00
C. J. Cole, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Guy Heath, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Elden Garey, Ballot Clerk	18.00
A. E. Farrar, Ballot Clerk	9.00
A. E. Farrar, Cash Expense	4.42
John Taylor, Cash Expense	100.00
Eunice Andrews, Cash Expense	14.00
Mary Hicks, Expenses	30.70
C. J. Cole, Cash Expense	51.35
F. Sheldon Mains, Cash Expense	20.00
Floyd Trask, Cash Expense	25.00
Bonney's Store	3.87
E. S. Barrett, Truant Officer	8.50
Eunice Andrews, 1951 Tax Liens	98.00
Eunice Andrews, Balance Due '51 Collector	35.00
H. L. Cobb, Treasurer Ministerial Fund	5.00
Cora Record, Use of Vestry for Elections	12.00
C. J. Cole, Moderator	6.00
C. J. Cole, Excise Tax Collector	63.25
C. J. Cole, Tax Lien Discharge	24.50

C. J. Cole, School Board	15.00
Lelia Taylor, School Board	15.00
Alma Abbott, School Board	15.00

Total Orders Drawn	\$2,271.34

Total Unexpended Balance	\$ 127.02
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USE OF EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, 1951	\$1,286.12
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Use of Grader and Bulldozer

Received from:	
Town of Hartford	\$ 32.00
State Treasurer	237.50
W. S. Poole, Old Tractor and Plow	150.00

Total Available	\$1,705.62
Orders Drawn:	
Eastern Tractor and Equipment Co.	\$1,235.57

Unexpended Balance	\$ 470.05
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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$ 96.00
Orders Drawn:	
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 94.99

Unexpended	\$ 1.01
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FIRE EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Unexpended Balances from 1951	171.97

Total Available	\$ 371.97
Orders Drawn:	
Blanchard Associates	\$ 173.37

Unexpended	\$ 198.60
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REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

During the year we have purchased six new brass tanks for our Indian Pumps and one complete unit giving us 12 units in all. Only 10 of these are in usable condition at present, however. Besides fixing these Indian Pumps we need some fire rakes and other hand tools plus more hose and fittings for our pumps.

We were very fortunate in having no forest fires during the very dry weather of last summer. We did lose the Halme buildings in a fire which proved to be a tragedy of unpreparedness and error. A garage on the property occupied by Jack Henderson also burned, but it was isolated and no other damage was done. I wish to thank you all for your response and aid at these fires.

Although the present law **requires** burning permits for **all outdoor** fires when there is no snow, please continue to use care and common sense.

JOHN S. TAYLOR,
Fire Warden

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Balance, 1951		306.70
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Total Available		\$ 356.70
Orders Drawn:		
Cecil Maxim		\$ 32.00
Oxford County Tel. and Tel.		25.60
Central Maine Power Co.		16.31
Eldred Hammond		60.00
Cole's Store		16.48
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Total Orders Drawn		\$ 150.39
Unexpended Balance		\$ 206.31

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Orders Drawn:	
Walter M. Chandler	\$ 76.10
Overdraft	\$ 26.10

SCHOOL CLINICS

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Received from Dr. Nangle, error	45.00
	\$ 95.00
Orders Drawn:	
Dr. T. P. Nangle	\$ 90.00
Unexpended	\$ 5.00

STATE NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Order Drawn:	
State Treasurer	\$ 75.00

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Unexpended, 1951	\$ 100.00
Order Drawn:	
State Treasurer	\$ 70.00
Unexpended	\$ 30.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Order Drawn:	
Hattie Curtis, Relief Corps Treas.	\$ 75.00

NOTES PAYABLE

Norway National Bank	
West Sumner School Addition	
Due Sept. 1, 1953	\$1,000.00

Due Sept. 1, 1954	1,000.00
Walter Truck and Plow	
Due Dec. 1, 1953	850.00
Due Dec. 1, 1954	850.00

	\$1,700.00
Snow Account	
Due Dec. 1, 1953	\$2,500.00

**MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS
DRAWN BY SELECTMEN**

Norway National Bank, Temporary Loan	\$7,000.00
Treasurer of Oxford County, Tax	942.31

Total	\$7,942.31

NEW CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Received of Ernest Packard for James Packard Lot	\$ 100.00
Received of Anna Glover for Lot 49, Elmwood Cemetery	150.00

Total, placed on Time Deposit in Casco Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 250.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES AND
INTEREST ON CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Appropriation	\$ 130.00
Orders Drawn:	
Black Mountain Cemetery Assn.	4.25
Lettie Ford, West Sumner	8.50
C. M. Stephens, Summerfield	34.00
C. J. Cole, Elmwood	51.00

Unexpended	\$ 97.75
	\$ 32.25

INTEREST ON INVESTED TRUST FUNDS

Balance from 1951	\$ 26.31
Hattie Barrows	7.50
Mary Gammon	12.50
Myrtle Heald	5.00
John Moody	3.00
O. E. Turner, Moses Young, Sewall Glover, James Packard	6.41

	\$ 60.72
Order Drawn: C. J. Cole, Treasurer	\$ 28.91

Balance	\$ 31.81

TRUST FUNDS USED BY TOWN

Allen, Reverend and Sarah Barrows	\$ 100.00
Gammond, S. B.	100.00
Gurney, Louise	200.00
Heald, Olive	100.00
Keene, Almira	500.00
Purkis, Lucy	100.00
Roberts, Elmer	100.00
Robinson, L. M.	500.00
Russell, Lucy	100.00
Russell, Rebecca	100.00
Stetson, Clara	200.00
Stetson, Hezekiah	100.00
Stetson, Solomon	100.00
Varney, Lydia	100.00

Total	\$ 2,500.00

Note:—Interest paid annually at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

TRUST FUNDS INVESTED BY TOWN

How Invested:	
ID, U. S. Savings Bonds,	
Gammon, Mary	\$ 500.00

Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Glover, Sewall and Fred	150.00
2C, U. S. Savings Bonds	
Heald, Myrtle	200.00
Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Moody, John	150.00
Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Packard, James	100.00
Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Turner, O. E.	150.00
Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Young, Moses	100.00
U. S. Savings Bonds	
Barrows, Hattie L.	200.00
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	\$1,550.00

MINISTERIAL FUND

Annual Statement Year ending Feb. 1, 1953

Investments,	
Oxford Paper Co., Stock	\$1,100.00
Oxford Tel. & Tel. Co., Stock	750.00
Mechanics Savings Bank	4.00
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Total	\$1,854.00
Income, 1952,	
Dividend, Oxford Paper Co.	\$ 75.00
Dividend, Oxford Tel. & Tel. Co.	75.00
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Total	\$ 150.00
Payments, 1952,	
Congregational Society	\$ 88.30
Universalist Society	61.70
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Total	\$ 150.00

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. COBB,
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT**Year Ending February 2, 1953**

Cash on hand (Checking account) Feb. 1, 1952 \$ 2,413.60

Taxes

Current Year	\$24,319.09
Prior Years	1,872.78
Tax Liens, 1951	626.95
Tax Liens, 1950	1,178.20
Excise Taxes, 1952	1,519.07
Excise Taxes, 1953	296.43

	\$29,812.52

Departmental Receipts from State

Educational	\$ 4,472.00
Snow Removal	1,784.30
Town Road Improvement	2,127.93
State Aid Road	2,132.00
Special Resolve	899.19
Bank Stock Tax	40.45
Dog Tax Refund	14.40
Railroad & Telegraph Tax	280.60
Charities	528.97

From Other Sources	\$12,279.84
Temporary Loan	\$7,000.00
Loan, Truck & Plow	1,700.00
Loan, Snow Account	2,500.00
Interest on Cemetery Trust Funds	34.41
Interest on School Trust Fund	4.84
Brown Company, Highway	547.60
C. J. Cole, Tarring yard	44.96
Dr. T. J. Nangle, overpayment	45.00
Charities	2,632.52
Snow Removal, Woodstock	225.00
Snow Removal, Buckfield	65.25

Snow Removal, Hartford	14.50
School House, E. S. Barrett	15.00
Cost and Interest	232.36
Use of Equipment	269.50
W. S. Poole, Old Tractor	150.00
James Packard, Heirs Cemetery Trust Fund	100.00
Anna Glover, Cemetery Trust Fund	150.00
School Tuition & Conveyance	576.00

	\$16,306.94
Total Receipts	\$58,399.30
Total Avialable	\$60,812.90
Total Warrants Paid	\$59,197.03
Balance in Checking Account Feb. 2, 1953	\$ 1,615.87

Respectfully submitted,
 C. J. COLE,
 Treasurer

LIST OF UNPAID 1951 TAX LIENS

February 2, 1953

Abbott, Vera O.	\$171.00
Abbott, Vera O.	49.50
Abbott, Sidney E.	117.00
Bartlett, Lionel & Irving	45.00
Benson, Henry	9.00
Barrett, Virgil	112.50
Bragg, Thomas	72.00
Brown, Frances & Clyde	54.00
Chamberlain, Wilbur	49.50
Crockett, Harold	9.00
Dyer, Mabel	110.70
Dillingham, Marian	27.00

Estes, John & Hazel	60.75
Farris, Amy	36.00
Fortier, Rosaire	36.90
Gesner, Ivan & Marjorie	72.00
Newton, Eldred & Norma B.	31.50
Redding, John	94.00
Richardson, Donald	58.50
Robinson, Mary	18.00
Trask, Floyd	99.00
Trask, Bernard	58.50
Waters, Claude & Harriett	91.50

	\$1,482.85

Non-Resident

Allen, C. E.	\$ 84.15
Bisbee, W. L.	27.00
Bisbee, Norman	27.00
Brown, Elizabeth R.	4.50
Churchill, Elmer E.	9.90
Daniels, Alfred	99.90
Jordan, Charles W.	54.00
McAllister, Clinton	67.50
Rasmussen, A. V.	79.20
Walters, Nelson & Martha	51.75

	\$ 504.90

EXPIRED 1950 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Vera	\$152.00
Abbott, Vera	44.00
Abbott, Sidney E.	104.00
Barrett, Virgil	100.00
Bragg, Thomas	64.00
Chamberlain, Wilbur	44.00
Estes, Hazel	54.00

\$ 562.00

EXPIRED 1949 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$104.00
Brown, Elizabeth R.	4.00
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	\$ 108.00

EXPIRED 1948 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 88.40
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EXPIRED 1947 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$104.00
Spaulding, Inez, Heirs	4.40
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	\$ 108.40

LIST OF 1952 ABATEMENTS

Halme, Kaleb, fire	\$ 45.00
Smith, Eugene and Minnie, fire, half of 1949 tax	35.40
Pulsifer, Kenneth, error	.90
Andrews, Vernal, paid in Paris	3.00
Bonney, W. A., error	3.00
Curtis, Linwood, transfer not recorded	4.95
Bradeen, Perley, deceased	3.00
Dunn, Charles, paid elsewhere	3.00
Dugay, Fred, paid elsewhere	3.00
Turner, R. E., paid in Portland	3.00
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Total	\$ 104.25

1951 ABATEMENTS

Abbott, Glenn, error	\$ 3.00
Brown, Clyde, sickness	5.40
Conant, Leon, sickness	7.65
Hazelton, Kenneth, paid elsewhere	3.00
Ackley, Paul, error	12.35
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	\$ 31.30

1950 ABATEMENTS

Abbott, Glenn, error	\$ 3.00
McCormick, William, uncollectable	7.00
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	\$ 10.00

1952 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

	Poll	Personal	Real Estate
Billings, Donald	\$3.00		
Harrigan, Jerome	3.00		
Paradis, Arthur	3.00		
Pike, Robert	3.00		
Rice, Charles	3.00		
Tripp, Luther	3.00		
Jackson, Henry	3.00		
Webber, Edgley	3.00		
Perham, Norman			\$31.50
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Total	\$24.00		\$31.50

1951 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

Wing, Zelda	\$67.50
Rowe, Urban	1.80
Boardman, Edward	\$3.00
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	\$3.00
	\$69.30

1952 UNPAID TAXES**Resident**

Abbott, Stevens	\$ 28.80		
Abbott, Sidney E.	49.95	\$ 108.00	
Abbott, Vera		171.00	
Abbott, Vera		49.50	
**Ackley, Paul and Corrine	.90	81.00	
Arris, Lee	\$ 3.00		
Barrett, Virgil		66.55	
Bisbee, Inez		47.25	
Bisbee, Inez and Leroy	3.00	9.90	135.00

Bragg, Thomas		5.40	72.00
Brown, Frances		3.15	54.00
Bragg, Harry		4.50	18.00
Chamberlain, Wilber	3.00	3.15	49.50
Conant, Leon		9.90	
DeCoster, Alice		220.95	126.00
DeCoster, Chester	3.00		
Dillingham, Marion			27.00
Duchesne, Rene	3.00	23.40	148.50
Estes, Hazel and John W.			54.00
Estes, John	3.00		
*Estes, Ralph	3.00		
Estes, Stanley		10.35	27.00
Farris, Amy		55.35	99.00
Farris, Guy	3.00	4.50	
Fortier, Rosaire		11.25	36.90
Gammon, James, Jr.	3.00		
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie	3.00	12.15	72.00
Hazelton, Kenneth	3.00		
Hazelton, Hiram	3.00		56.25
Heath, George			61.75
Henry, Walter E. and Winifred			20.25
*Mains, F. Sheldon and Grace R.		13.05	123.75
Morrison, E. A.		.90	18.00
Newton, E. E. and Norma B.		12.15	36.00
Redding, John		18.00	94.50
Richardson, Donald		6.75	58.50
Robinson, Mary			22.50
Trask, Bernard		.90	58.50
Trask, Floyd		76.05	99.00
Tucker, Vivian N. and Ruth A.			144.00
Trenworth, John	3.00		
Waters, Claude and Harriet		2.25	94.50
	\$39.00	\$583.65	\$2,329.70
			\$2,952.35

Non-Resident

Allen, Olive	\$ 85.50
Andrews, Luella	6.75
Bisbee, W. L.	27.00
Bisbee, Norman	4.50 18.00
Brown, Elizabeth R.	4.50
Churchill, Elmer	9.90
Daniels, Alfred	99.90
McAllister, John	130.50
Perreault, Edward	72.00
Rasmussen, A. V.	79.20
Roberts, Charles B. and Clara A.	49.50
Swain, Edwin E.	51.75
Tucker, George	31.50
*Teriault, W. and Berube, E.	40.00

	\$36.00

	\$710.50

Grand Total Unpaid, 1952	\$3,662.85

1951 UNPAID PERSONAL TAX

Farris, Amy	\$ 34.55
Fortier, Rosaire	33.75
Gammon, James, Jr.	24.30
Tucker, George	21.50

	\$114.10

* Paid since books closed.

** Personal Tax paid since books closed.

TAX STATEMENT FOR 1952

Commitment	\$28,031.13
Supplementary	55.50

	\$28,086.63

Treasurer Received	\$24,319.09
Abatements	104.25
Uncollected	3,662.85
Error of	.44
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	\$28,086.63

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN**This does not include any town property.****Resources**

Money in Checking Account, Feb. 2, 1953	\$1,615.87
Uncollected Taxes, 1952	3,662.85
Unpaid Tax Liens, 1951	1,987.75
Unpaid Tax Liens prior to 1951	866.80
Unpaid Personal Taxes, 1951	114.10
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Total	\$8,247.37

Liabilities

Trust Funds Used by Town	\$2,500.00
Balance due Collector, 1952	100.00
Notes at Norway National Bank	
West Sumner School	2,000.00
Truck Snow Plow	1,700.00
Snow Account	2,500.00
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	\$8,800.00
Debit Balance	\$ 552.63

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAYLOR,
 F. SHELDON MAINS,
 FLOYD E. TRASK,

Selectmen of Sumner

**Report of the
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

ALMA ABBOTT	Term expires 1953
CHESTER COLE	Term expires 1954
LELIA TAYLOR	Term expires 1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ALFRED A. BRACY

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Sumner:

I herewith submit my annual report of the Condition of the schools at Sumner together with an itemized statement of income and expenditures for the fiscal year 1952-1953.

I am happy to report that the recommendations of last year concerning the doors at the East Sumner school and the roof at the Morrill school have been carried out. The roof at the Morrill school has been resurfaced with galvanized iron and the door at the East Sumner school has been rehung to open outwardly.

Of primary concern this year is the hazardous condition at the entrance to the upper grade room at West Sumner. This condition should be remedied at once. The classrooms at the East Sumner and the Morrill schools need to be repainted.

I am happy to report that considerable progress has been made toward furnishing adequate textbooks, particularly in the upper grade room. Here a set of encyclopedias has been added to the few reference books. This program of strengthening the teaching through adequate textbooks will be carried on as rapidly as funds will permit. Incidentally the upper grade room has been searching for a Library table among other things. If anyone

has a library table he is not using I am sure the teacher and pupils will welcome the use of it.

For the past year I have been apprehensive about the crowded condition at the East Sumner school. If present indications hold true, I do not believe the school will be able to accommodate the incoming first grade.

The Superintending School Committee recommends that you raise \$13,065.00 for a school budget, which broken down equals approximately the following amounts:

Support of Common Schools	\$8,000.00
Supplies and Textbooks	400.00
Superintendent's Salary	630.00
Office Expense	35.00
High School Tuition	4,000.00
Total	\$13,065.00

The School Board also recommends that the sum of \$125.00 be raised for repairs and contingency for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED A. BRACY,
Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1952-1953

Income

Appropriation	\$11,065.00
State Aid	4,472.00
City of Auburn	540.00
Town of Hartford	36.00
Interest	4.84
Balance 1952	1,133.68
Balance 1952 Office Expense	7.40
	\$17,258.92

Expenditures

Teaching	\$7,488.97
Janitor	425.25
Conveyance	4,400.64
Fuel	650.24
Supplies and Textbooks	607.89
Common School Tuition	67.50
Superintendent's Salary	630.00
Overdraft Supt.'s Salary	10.40
Office Expense	38.40
High School Tuition	2,857.57
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	\$17,176.86
Unexpended 1953 Balance	\$ 82.06
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REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Expended	217.60
	—————
Overdraft 1953	\$ 17.60

EXPENDITURES**Teaching**

Ione Andrews	\$ 8.50
Beulah Cole	1,691.50
Sadie D'Aiutolo	1,657.50
Mary Fleming	1,580.81
Doris Gammon	59.50
Annie Garey	1,700.00
Elaine Mann	460.00
Vivian Woodbury	119.16
Bessie Gordon	212.00
	—————
	\$7,488.97

Conveyance

Virgil Barrett	\$ 60.00
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Kenneth Myers	99.00
Treasurer of the State	5.44
David Boyle	546.00
Beulah Cole	1,299.00
Chester DeCoster	444.00
Doris Gammon	109.20
Floyd Trask	1,838.00
	—————
	\$4,400.64

Janitor

Beulah Cole	\$ 72.00
Gerald Farrar	37.00
Allston Studios	150.00
Richard Bragg	2.00
Sadie D'Aiutolo	40.00
Darwin Stevens	64.00
Irene Eastman	35.25
Geraldine Gammon	25.00
	—————
	\$ 425.25

Fuel

L. M. Longley & Son	\$ 319.80
Lewis M. Mann & Son	9.00
L. E. Irish	21.00
David Chamberlain	60.00
Benson's Coal & Oil Co.	137.80
A. E. Farrar	80.00
Gammon Lumber Co.	17.64
David Boyle	5.00
	—————
	\$ 650.24

Supplies & Textbooks

A. S. C. Development	\$ 5.00
Edward E. Babb Company	3.41
Marks Printing House	2.00
Davis Nation-Wide Store	21.93

J. L. Hammett Co.	26.14
Milton Bradley Co.	4.52
Pinewood Press	10.96
Loring, Short & Harmon	97.42
World Book Company	20.32
M. N. Perkins Co.	7.60
Allan H. Murray	6.90
Gee & Bee Sporting Goods Co.	10.55
Cole's General Store	27.47
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	4.65
Beckly Cardy Co.	2.32
Scott Foresman Co.	93.43
Simon and Schuster, Inc.	21.21
Ginn and Company	128.41
The Garrard Press	7.18
J. E. Davidson Co.	10.50
Encyclopaedia Britannica	77.52
Silver Burdett Co.	15.13
MacMillan Company	3.32
	\$ 607.89
Common School Tuition	
Town of Buckfield	\$ 67.50
Superintendent's Salary	
Alfred A. Bracy	\$ 630.00
Office Expense	
Alfred A. Bracy	\$ 38.40
High School Tuition	
Town of Paris	\$2,277.29
Town of Buckfield	483.68
Town of Norway	96.60
	\$2,857.57
TEACHERS' DIRECTORY	
Beulah Cole	East Sumner
Mary Fleming	West Sumner

Annie Garey
 Sadie D'Aiutolo
 Elaine Mann

West Sumner
 Morrill
 Music

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Term, Sept. 2, 1952 to Dec. 19, 1952	16 weeks
Second Term, Jan. 5, 1953 to Feb. 20, 1953	7 weeks
Third Term, Mar. 2, 1953 to April 17, 1953	7 weeks
Fourth Term, Apr. 21, 1953 to June 12, 1953	7 weeks

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION STUDENTS

Buckfield 2	Paris 2	West Paris 9	Norway 1
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot.
East Sumner	8	6	5	7	2	4	0	0	32
West Sumner	4	2	6	6	9	7	10	9	53
Morrill	7	2	6	3	5	4	0	0	27
Total									112

**State of Maine
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
 Augusta**

**REPORT ON MOUTH HEALTH PROJECT
 SUMNER — NOVEMBER 1952**

To the Town of Sumner:

Sodium fluoride solution by direct application to teeth is the best decay prevention method known today with the exception of adding fluorides to the public water supply. These applications were offered to your 3-year-olds and to the pupils in your second, fifth and eighth grades whose parents gave their written permission. These age groups were selected because the applications work best on newly erupted teeth and are recommended for all children when aged 3, 7, 10 and 13 years.

Your three-year-old children and those in the elemen-

tary schools have just participated in your second community-financed mouth health project. Both dental decay prevention and mouth health education activities were carried on by a registered dental hygienist from the Division of Dental Health, some of the education being done in your school buildings and the children being taken to Canton for their sodium fluoride applications. Time to the amount of seven days spread over a three week period was used for your children.

Communities offering this preventive service plan on these same age groups annually, so that each child has an opportunity for applications whenever he reaches a recommended age.

To receive maximum benefit, each child should have four applications at each of the four ages, the applications being made with a definite technique.

In addition to these decay preventive applications, each child received a careful mouth examination. Examinations were also given to all first grade children. Individualized instruction was given each child, as to how he could improve his own mouth health.

The total number of children receiving sodium fluoride applications was 42, although only 38 children received the required four applications.

Of the entire 60 children examined, 45 children—75 percent—had really clean teeth.

It was further observed that although 23 of the 60 children said they had been to the dentist, only 13 children had any filled teeth and only 2 children had no active dental decay visible. This last fact means only 2 children had really healthy mouths, an indication that many Sumner children are in need of dental repair.

As you know, sodium fluoride applications make teeth nearly twice as resistant to dental decay but do not prevent all new decay from occurring. Neither do these applications stop decay that has already started nor re-

pair already decayed areas. Therefore, it is just as important as before for these children to have dental care twice a year or oftener if the family dentist so advises.

It is hoped that the mouth health project will now become an annual part of the community health services. If sodium fluoride applications are offered annually then each child may have them as he reaches the recommended ages. Even the second and fifth grade children just treated will need more applications when they are in the fifth and eighth grades to protect the teeth that will erupt between now and that time.

Particular credit is due the conveyors who spent so much time and effort on transporting the children to Canton. They made the sodium fluoride applications practical.

Working with the Sumner children and mothers was a pleasure because everyone was so interested and cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES, R.D.H.

January 1953

**ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
NURSING SERVICES
SUMNER — 1952**

A strong desire for a good public health program has been evident in Sumner for some years. This desire has been expressed not only by insistent requests for the services of a public health nurse, but, also by the whole-hearted way in which volunteer workers are always available to assist with every project carried on in your town to protect and promote the health of your children and the general public.

During the school year visits were made in the schools and immunizations were done for all children as needed

and requested to protect them from diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox. The audiometer tests were given to discover hearing acuity of each child. Where loss of hearing or other physical defects were found, visits were made in the homes to assist parents in securing the corrections needed.

A splendid group of volunteer workers assisted Dr. Nangle and the public health nurse in a series of Child Health Conferences where infants and preschool children received physical examinations and immunizations for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox. At these conferences mothers were encouraged to discuss health problems and had an opportunity to ask any questions they might have accumulated for this occasion when they were able to talk with both the physician and the public health nurse.

At this time we wish to express appreciation to the town officials, the physicians, the school and Child Health Conference committees and all who have assisted in the public health program in Sumner.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) RUTH E. HAWKINS, R.N.

District Supervising Nurse

AUDITOR'S REPORT

State of Maine

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta

November 26, 1952

Board of Selectmen

Sumner, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sumner have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1952.

The examination was made by Auditors S. M. Emery and P. H. Allen in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor

COMMENTS

Town of Sumner

February 3, 1951 to February 2, 1952

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Sumner has been completed for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1952. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk.

The result of the audit indicates that transfers between accounts should be recorded by journal entries rather than clear through the treasurer's cash account.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that expenditures exceeded available funds by \$1,292.24. Overdrafts were noted in the General Government, Protection, Highways and Bridges, Charities and Education accounts totaling \$25.00, \$20.65, \$3,406.47, \$634.82 and \$44.60 respectively. Overdrafts and unexpended balances are summarized as follows:

Overdrafts	\$4,156.34
Unexpended Balances	2,864.00
 Net Overdrafts	 \$1,292.24

The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute, except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities, and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$4,222.36 at the year end or a decrease of \$1,421.53, as compared with the preceding year. This decrease was occasioned principally by the excess of expenditures over available funds of \$1,292.24.

A comparative statement of revenues and expenditures (Exhibit B), disclosed that for the 1951 year, revenues decreased over the previous year by \$1,740.29. Expenditures for the same period increased \$16,424.72. The factors contributing to these differences were reviewed with no exceptions noted. Following is a summary of the differences as compared with revenues and expenditures of the preceding year:

Decreased Revenues

Insurance Claim	\$5,462.19
Use of Equipment	755.75
Tuition	108.00
Other Accounts (net)	(4,585.65)

Decreased Revenues \$1,740.29

Increased Expenditures

Highways and Bridges	\$9,547.45
Education	7,647.90
Protection	540.98
Other Accounts (net)	(1,311.61)

Increased Expenditures \$16,424,721

At special town meetings held on June 15, and July 6, 1951, it was voted to authorize the selectmen to negotiate loans totaling \$9,396.00 Notes of the town were issued and the proceeds were expended as follows:

West Sumner School Addition	\$3,000.00
State Aid Road Construction	6,396.00
Total	\$9,396.00

Under the terms of the article the state aid road construction loan will be liquidated in 1953 from state aid reimbursements of \$2,132.00 in 1952 and 1953 and town appropriations of \$1,066.00 in the same periods.

The various trust fund principals totaled \$5,829.00 and the unexpended income amounted to \$6.61 at the close of

the fiscal year. The funds were represented by investments in U. S. Savings bonds totaling \$900.00, time deposits \$585.61, stocks \$1,850.00 and due from the general fund \$2,500.00.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 106, of the Revised Statutes of 1944 which reads in part:

"City and town officers . . . shall hereafter invest all permanent funds including . . . money or credits deposited with them for perpetual care of lots in cemeteries . . ."

The above quotation from the Revised Statutes applies, in this instance, to cemetery perpetual care funds totaling \$2,500.00, which have been deposited in the general funds of the town.

Attention is further directed to the investments of the ministerial fund. It would appear advisable that a review of these investments be made, to determine if they comply with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 106 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 and Chapter 55, Section 38, Sub-section I to IX of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Revenues and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of tax and tax lien accounts. Transactions affecting the various funds held in trust by the town were reviewed. Insurance and bond coverage were examined.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit proce-

dures were followed to the extent deemed appropriate to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at February 2, 1952, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

EXHIBIT A

Town of Sumner COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

Assets

	Feb. 2, 1952	Feb. 2, 1951
Cash in Bank	\$2,413.60	\$7,226.74
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	5,134.97	168.30
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	4,466.60	4,459.48
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)	2,027.00	2,101.58
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	297.79	318.29
Deferred Appropriation:		
State Aid Road Construction	2,132.00	
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$16,471.96	\$14,274.39

DEBT FUND

Assets

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	\$3,000.00	\$ 0.00
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TRUST FUNDS

Assets

Time Deposits (Schedule A-6)	\$ 585.61	\$ 585.61
Investments (Schedule A-6)	2,750.00	2,750.00
Due from General Fund (Schedule A-6)	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$5,835.61	\$5,835.61

GENERAL FUND

	Liabilities	
	Feb. 2, 1952	Feb. 2, 1951
Notes Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$6,396.00	
Due Trust Funds	2,500.00	\$2,500.00
 Total Liabilities	 8,896.00	 2,500.00
	Reserve	
Authorized Expenditures (Exhibit D)	3,353.60	6,130.50
	Surplus	
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	4,222.36	5,643.89
 TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	 \$16,471.96	 \$14,274.39

DEBT FUND

	Liabilities	
Notes Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$3,000.00	\$ 0.00

TRUST FUNDS

	Liabilities	
Principals (Schedule A-7)	\$5,829.00	\$5,829.00
Unexpended Income (Schedule A-7)	6.61	6.61
 TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	 \$5,835.61	 \$5,835.61

EXHIBIT B

Town of Sumner
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 Years Ended February 2, 1952, 1951 and 1950

	1950	1951	1952
REVENUES:			
Tax Commitment	\$ 27,246.97	\$ 23,881.60	\$ 24,065.04
Supplemental Taxes	235.50	42.00	57.00
Excise Taxes	1,791.98	1,637.80	1,512.54
State of Maine	10,112.38	9,420.94	9,444.08
Lien Costs and Interest	353.55	230.68	230.97
Use of Highway Equipment	474.00	1,229.75	650.50
Reimbursements—Charity	1,482.67	1,489.87	896.49
Tuition	438.00	546.00	162.00
Interest on School Fund	4.84	4.40	3.51
Cemetery Trust Fund Income	36.89	22.50	39.31
Reimbursement—Conveyance			
Snow Removal	108.50	108.50	165.00
Auctioneer's License	4.00	4.00	54.00
Miscellaneous	153.32	.16	4.00
Insurance Claim		5,462.19	
TOTAL REVENUES	42,336.10	44,076.39	37,284.44
ADD:			
Carrying Balances Expended	2,776.90		
Transfer from Surplus		1,016.82	
Proceeds of Notes Issued	9,402.99	65.04	
DEDUCT:			
Revenue Applicable to Appropriation			
Carrying Balances			6,322.45
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$54,515.99	\$ 37,753.94	\$ 38,366.30

EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	2,996.73	2,530.33
Protection	614.93	73.95
Health and Sanitation	120.00	232.37
Highways and Bridges	25,978.37	16,430.92
Charities	3,439.96	3,985.71
Education	19,409.08	11,761.18
Municipal Indebtedness		1,100.00
Cemeteries	121.75	126.25
Special Assessments	3,002.61	2,989.40
Unclassified	124.80	153.40
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	55,808.23	39,383.51
EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES		<hr/>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 1,292.24	\$ 1,629.57
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		37,239.46
		\$ 1,126.84

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS
NUMBER OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
FOR 1952

Births	Ten (10)
Marriages	Eleven (11)
Deaths	Nine (9)

April 26, at East Sumner, Emerson P. Bartlett, aged 83 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Peru.

June 11, at Auburn, Benjamin H. Bisbee, aged 82 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

July 12, at Auburn, Charles W. Gammon, aged 83 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Stoneham.

October 15, at West Sumner, Effie L. Bonney, aged 76 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

December 13, at West Sumner, Joseph E. Cote, aged 41 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Canada.

REPORTED FROM OTHER TOWNS

February 3, at Freeport, Sarah Sumner Briggs, aged 64. Residence, Freeport. Birthplace, Ripley, Me.

February 5, at Union, Maine, Cora M. Crockett, aged 82 years. Residence, Locke Mills. Birthplace, Sumner.

July 16, at Auburn, Roger Eastman, aged 55 years. Residence, Auburn. Birthplace, Sumner.

August 6, at Lewiston, Georgia L. Bell, aged 71 years. Residence, Hartford. Birthplace, Sumner.

MARY B. HICKS,

Clerk

DOGS

Males	57
Females	13
Spayed Females	22
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Total	92

MARY B. HICKS,

Clerk

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Annual Report

Town of

SUMNER

MAINE



For the Year Ending February 1

1954

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF

SUMNER, MAINE

For The Year Ending February 1, 1954

1953 TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

V. G. BARRETT

Clerk

MARY HICKS

Treasurer

C. J. COLE

Tax Collector

COLISTA STEVENS

Constables

V. G. BARRETT

COLISTA STEVENS

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

JOHN S. TAYLOR

FLOYD E. TRASK

F. SHELDON MAINS

Road Commissioner

V. G. BARRETT

Superintending School Committee

C. J. COLE

LELIA E. TAYLOR

ALMA ABBOTT

Superintendent of Schools

ALFRED A. BRACY

Health Officer

V. G. BARRETT

Fire Warden

JOHN S. TAYLOR

Treasurer of Ministerial Fund

H. L. COBB

TOWN WARRANT

To Virgil G. Barrett, a constable in the Town of Sumner in the County of Oxford. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Pleasant Pond Grange Hall, West Sumner, in said town, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1954, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 1, 1954.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to call for bids for the collection of taxes.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more road commissioners for the coming year.

Art. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town officers' salaries.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray miscellaneous accounts for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town ways.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction (in addition to the accounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the support of common schools and for tuition of high school pupils for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the repair of schoolhouses.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor and supplementary old age assistance for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on town buildings.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on town equipment.

Art. 18. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau, to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the

White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with R. S. Chapter 11,
Sections 622-63-64.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay miscellaneous accounts and town debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the town for the money so borrowed, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1954 out of money raised during the year 1954 by taxes.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day Services.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for public health nursing in Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to retire the \$3,000 West Sumner addition note of which \$1,000 must be paid annually.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars to retire the second serial note on the Walter truck, maturing Dec. 1, 1954.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the town on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of town officers' bonds — i.e. town treasurer, tax collector, constable, road commissioner.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire fighting equipment.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for smallpox vaccination of townspeople who want it.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries and interest on cemetery trust funds used by the town.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the physical examinations of all children in the schools of Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the superintending school committee.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to allow an interest charge on unpaid taxes and tax liens, fix the rate for the same and time said interest shall start.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-six (\$96) for street lighting service.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civilian Defense purposes.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$150 from Earl W. Bonney et al. the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the Edwin Bonney and Maddison Ford lot in Elmwood Cemetery at East Sumner.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of participating in an area Dental Hygiene program for school children.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be spent on the Eastman Hill road in the vicinity of the East Sumner School. Said money being raised to finance the work necessary to remedy the water pocket that forms on said road at this point. (Agreeable to the petition of Roger Gammon and others.)

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the unused road passing in front of Cole's Store, East Sumner, from

the site of the old iron bridge to the junction with the right of way of the present road.

Art. 38. To transact any other business that may legally come before the town.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this second day of February A. D. 1954.

JOHN S. TAYLOR
FLOYD E. TRASK
F. SHELDON MAINS

A true copy attest:

VIRGIL G. BARRETT
Constable

Dinner will be served at Pleasant Pond Grange Hall.

RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1954

Art.	6. Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,200.00
Art.	7. Snow Removal	3,000.00
Art.	9. Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
Art.	10. Cutting Bushes	300.00
Art.	11. State Aid Road	1,066.00
Art.	14. Support of Poor	1,500.00
Art.	15. Aid to Dependent Children	900.00
Art.	16. Insurance on Town Buildings	80.00
Art.	17. Insurance on Town Equipment	300.00
Art.	21. Memorial Day	75.00
Art.	22. Public Health Nursing	75.00
Art.	23. West Sumner Addition Note	1,000.00
Art.	24. Walter Truck Note	850.00
Art.	26. Town Officers' Bonds	70.00
Art.	29. Interest and Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Art.	30. School Physicals	50.00
Art.	32. Street Lighting	96.00
Art.	35. Dental Hygiene	70.00

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE

Value of Real Estate

Resident	\$157,780.00
Non-Resident	108,050.00

Total Real Estate	\$265,830.00
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Value of Personal Estate

Resident	\$ 44,145.50
Non-Resident	15,960.00
Total Personal Estate	\$ 60,105.50
Grand Total	\$325,935.50
Total Value of Land	\$151,050.00
Total Value of Buildings	\$114,780.00

VALUE OF LIVESTOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total
Horses, Mules and Ponies	50	\$49.00	\$2,450.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef			
Cattle over 18 mos.	17	63.00	1,065.00
Milk Cows including Heifers that have freshened	172	65.00	11,160.00
Heifers over two years old not yet freshened	34	56.00	1,915.00
Heifers 18 months to 2 yrs. old	44	50.00	2,200.00
Domestic Fowl, over 50 in no.	195	.90	175.00
Total of Taxable Livestock			\$18,965.50

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Cattle 18 mos. and younger	113	\$25.00	\$2,805.00
Goats to no. of 35 and kids	4	15.00	60.00
Sheep to no. of 35	69	15.00	1,035.00
Swine to no. of 10	24	23.00	540.00
Domestic Fowl, to no. of 50	550	1.00	550.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$ 6,450.00
Portable Mills		1,200.00
Logs		2,705.00
Lumber		8,000.00
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	11	1,150.00
Musical Instruments	41	1,075.00

Radios	118	1,800.00
Electrical Appliances, etc.		11,290.00
Tractors	12	645.00
Machinery and Equipment		4,875.00
12 Miles Power Lines		5,500.00
Saw Mills		2,500.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Support of Schools and High School Tuition	13,565.00
Repair of Schoolhouses	125.00
Support of Poor	1,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	600.00
Repair of Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
State Aid Road	1,066.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	80.00
Memorial Services	75.00
Public Health Nursing	75.00
West Sumner Addition Note	1,000.00
Snow Account Note	2,500.00
Walter Truck Note	850.00
Town Officers' Bonds	70.00
Interest and Care of Cemeteries	130.00
School Physicals	50.00
Street Lighting	96.00
Dental Hygiene	70.00
 Total Appropriation	 \$29,852.00
County Tax	1,073.10
Overlay	1,099.19
 Total Commitment	 \$32,024.29
Number of Polls Taxed	136
Number of Polls not Taxed	24
Rate of Taxation	.097

Report of Overseers of the Poor

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Eli Niemi	
Orders Drawn:	
Town of Paris	\$638.82
City of Lewiston	14.00
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	\$ 652.82
World War II Veteran No. 1	
Orders Drawn:	
John W. Estes	\$ 36.00
Supplementary Old Age Assistance	
Orders Drawn:	
Dr. R. L. McCormack	\$139.50
Conley and Fahey Inc.	5.00
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	\$ 144.50
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 833.32
Unexpended	\$ 666.68

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Clyde Brown

Orders Drawn:	
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 9.69
Gammon Lumber Co.	10.00
Arthur C. Allen	90.00
Ruth E. Hawkins	5.94
Stone's Drug Store	1.15
Davis' Store	185.43

Cole's Store	10.15
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 312.36
Amount Received from Paris	212.68
Due from Paris	\$ 99.68
World War II Veteran No. 1	
Orders Drawn:	
May's Drug Store	\$ 2.55
T. P. Nangle, M.D.	3.00
John Taylor	5.00
Cole's Store	103.41
Total Orders Drawn	\$ 113.96
Due from Livermore	\$ 113.96
 STATE POOR	
Case No. 1	
Orders Drawn:	
Cole's Store	\$ 76.91
Amount due from State Treasurer	\$ 76.91
 AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	
Appropriation	\$ 600.00
Orders Drawn:	
State Treasurer	666.54
Total Overdraft	\$ 66.54

Report of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Orders Drawn:	
John Taylor	\$500.00
Floyd Trask	100.00
Sheldon Mains	85.00
C. J. Cole	150.00
Colista Stevens	200.00
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Total Expended	\$1,035.00
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Unexpended	\$ 165.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation	\$ 70.00
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Orders Drawn:	
Goodwin's Inc.	57.20
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Unexpended	\$ 12.80

SNOW ACCOUNT

V. G. Barrett, Commissioner

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Town of Hartford	60.35
State Returns	1,760.70
Total Available	\$4,821.05
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Orders Drawn:	
Labor:	
V. G. Barrett	\$464.76

Donald Webster	129.38
Stanley Stevens	24.36
John Taylor	316.54
Irving Bartlett	262.57
A. E. Farrar	646.29
Floyd Varney	189.94
Philip Edmunds	71.79
Warren Hazelton	9.57
Elden Garey	131.32
Albert Penley	115.96
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	150.32
A. C. Allen	26.97
Guy Heath	78.83
Ralph Campbell	20.15
Roy Briggs	7.83
Omar Farrar	54.73
L. H. Poland	94.35
Clifford Abbot	125.50
Donald Quimby	158.86
Frank Bragg	29.70
Eugene Farrar	3.00
Floyd Trask	12.00
D. E. Jack	11.00

Supplies and Repairs:

American Lubricants	60.29
Snow's Inc.	72.20
Portland Tractor Co.	4.84
Ellingwood Brothers	46.65
Northeastern Petroleum	104.50
All-States Steel	611.61
Eastern Tractor	29.30
Mill House Garage	36.50

Fuel:

Cole's Store	86.05
Bonney's Store	17.00

Everett Davis	60.25
David Boyle	106.95
Salt and Sand:	
Edward L. Goding	122.20
State Highway Commission	280.00
Town of Canton	22.80
C. A. Bonney .	28.00
 Total Orders Drawn	 \$4,824.86
 Total Overdraft	 \$ 3.81

SNOW NOTES

While there has been little snow, and plowing costs have been small, the cost of sanding — sand, salt, and the labor involved in stock piling and spreading — has been large. This plus the high price of steel products — cutting edges, etc. — accounts for a major portion of this year's expenditures.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

V. G. Barrett, Commissioner

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
Town of Hartford	5.00
Flood Return	1,619.33
Due from Urban McCollister	317.27
 Total Available	 \$5,441.60

Orders Drawn:

Labor:

V. G. Barrett	\$759.11
Irving Bartlett	238.61
John Taylor	456.63
Guy Heath	136.00
L. E. Irish	45.50

James Irish	6.09
Elden Garey	205.50
Eugene Farrar	8.00
Eino Rosenberg	52.94
Philip Edmunds	21.23
Omar Farrar	86.56
Floyd Varney	190.31
John Redding	12.00
Roy Briggs	12.18
Sidney E. Abbott	18.75
Wayne Lawrence	14.56
Vernon Farrar	18.20
Clifford Abbott	19.12
Kenneth Cole	3.64
D. E. Jack	19.00

Trucks and Equipment:

A. E. Farrar	576.51
Carl Gammon	56.06
Maurice Benson	51.00
Stanley Estes	150.00
Frank Bragg	225.78
L. H. Poland	226.57
Albert Penley	104.68
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	237.78
Ralph Campbell, Sr.	36.00
Urban McCollister	12.50
Roy Millett	67.52
W. C. Walls	10.68
Donald Quimby	533.08
W. A. Porter	52.96

Gravel, Culverts, Plank:

Guy Heath	57.60
Carl Gammon	58.00
C. E. Foster, Co.	10.00
Leon Bradford	6.00

C. A. Bonney	206.30
James Gammon	14.00
Penley Bros.	25.00
New England Metal Culvert Co.	432.60
C. E. Foster Co.	12.60
Carl Gammon	180.80
L. E. Irish	1.80

Supplies and Repairs:

R. I. Mitchell	18.18
Trap Corner Garage	.75
Cole's Store	32.87
Mill House Garage	3.48

Fuel:

David Boyle	21.35
Benson's Coal and Oil	35.05
Davis' Store	33.57
Cole's Store	12.25
Bonney's Store	9.03

	\$ 5,836.28
Total Overdraft	\$ 395.68

HIGHWAY NOTES

Our roads suffered considerable damage in the spring floods. We were reimbursed by the state one half the amount spent on partial repair of this damage. Despite this aid many of the washouts have not been restored to prior condition.

The Town Road Improvement Fund was spent on Sumner Hill, (as far as Edgar Barrett's driveway), the John Bonney Road (as far as Sheldon Mains'), and about 1/3 of a mile up the Tuell Hill Road. The increased amount of this fund makes our road situation a little bit more optimistic

CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN WAYS

Appropriation:	\$ 300.00
Orders Drawn:	
Irving Bartlett	\$86.79
Floyd Varney	86.79
V. G. Barrett	71.25
Vernon Farrar	36.40
Elden Garey	4.55
Howard Conant	4.55
Eino Rosenberg	18.00
	\$308.33
Overdraft	\$ 8.33

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

State Allotment	\$4,595.43
Orders Drawn:	
Labor:	
V. G. Barrett	\$170.63
John Taylor	175.63
Irving Bartlett	120.52
Floyd Varney	120.52
Trucks and Drivers:	
Donald Quimby	652.07
Lawrence Russell	94.65
Lester Hutches	97.38
Robert Bonney	89.64
Frank Bragg	99.00
Omar Farrar	83.72
L. H. Poland	190.80
Robert Farrar	96.56
A. E. Farrar	335.25
Clifford Abbott	97.47
Philip Edmunds	47.78

Ralph Campbell, Sr.	184.50
Claude Cox	11.83
Albert Penley	122.00
Othie Buck	50.96
W. A. Porter	96.00
W. A. Porter	36.40
Eldred Newton	29.12
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	18.00
Carlton Campbell	7.28
Shovel and Operator:	
Donald Quimby	795.72
Bulldozer:	
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	236.00
Culverts:	
Bancroft and Martin	318.51
New England Metal Culvert Co.	242.06
Total Orders Drawn	\$4,620.00
 Overpayment by Error	 \$ 24.57

NEW TRUCK AND PLOW

Appropriation	\$ 850.00
Orders Drawn:	
Norway National Bank	\$ 850.00

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$1,066.00
Returns from State	2,132.00
 Total Available	 \$3,198.00
Orders Drawn:	
Norway National Bank	\$3,198.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

No Appropriation	
Bank Stock Tax	\$ 36.00

Loan for Land Damage	300.00
Fire Returns	342.94
Dog Tax Refund	27.19
Railroad and Telephone Tax	239.53
Costs and Interest, Taxes and Loans	271.65
Excise Tax	1,880.92
 Total Available	 \$3,098.23

Orders Drawn:

Central Maine Power Co.	\$103.45
Norway Nat'l Bank, Charges and Interest	466.08
Loring, Short and Harmon,	
Office Supplies	62.89
Marks Printing House, Office Supplies	25.02
Virgil Barrett, Health Officer	22.00
F. Sheldon Mains, Damages to Car	25.00
Pinewood Press, Town Reports	246.00
U. S. Auto Guide	7.00
Lewiston Daily Sun, Ad	4.00
Berman & Berman, Legal Advice	10.00
Emma E. West, Recording Liens	35.00
Emma E. West, Property Transfers	12.00
Emma E. West, Lien Discharges	17.00
Colista Stevens, Liens	70.00
Colista Stevens, Postage	16.40
Colista Stevens, 1952 Salary	100.00
West Paris Village Corp., Use of	
Tank Truck	50.00
West Paris Fire Dept., Truck Driver	12.00

Fires:

David Boyle	44.14
Irwin Ellingwood	40.00
Waino Kyllonen	10.00
Waino Kyllonen, Jr.	8.00

Walter Kyllonen	10.00
Robert Kyllonen	8.00
Raymond Kyllonen	8.00
John Kyllonen	8.00
Glenn Abbott	40.00
Jeriel Abbott	30.00
Floyd Trask	43.00
Ivan Gesner	12.00
Harold Crockett	22.50
Thomas Bragg	22.50
Alfred Estes	27.50
Eddie Gammon	93.00
Ralph Estes	9.00
Walter Henry	9.75
William Crockett	10.50
Sidney Abbott, Jr.	86.00
Chester Allen	10.00
John Taylor	75.46
Stanley Stevens	16.00
Rene Duchesne	41.00
William Brown	10.00
Eugene Farrar	37.00
Darwin Stevens	10.00
Philip Edmunds	14.00
Guy Heath	4.00
Elden Garey	6.00
Davis' Store	4.67
Maine Municipal Association	35.00
State Treasurer, Audit	233.56
State Treasurer, Water Tests	11.70
State Treasurer, Error	.20
Goodwin's Inc., Vehicle Insurance	254.05
Robert T. Smith, Legal Services	43.00
C. J. Cole, Land Damage	250.00
Mary B. Hicks, Vital Statistics	9.90
Mary B. Hicks, Recording Oaths	4.00

Mary B. Hicks, Office Expense	8.00
C. J. Cole, Tax Lien Discharges	24.50
C. J. Cole, Cash Expense	59.75
C. J. Cole, Excise Tax Collector	63.25
John Taylor, Cash Expense	125.00
Floyd Trask, Cash Expense	25.00
C. J. Cole, School Board	15.00
Lelia E. Taylor, School Board	15.00
Alma D. Abbott, School Board	15.00
Virgil Barrett, Constable	12.00
H. L. Cobb, Treas. Ministerial Fund	5.00
Cora Record, Use of Vestry	4.00
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Total Orders Drawn:	\$3,276.77
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Total Overdraft	\$ 168.54

USE OF EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, 1952	\$ 320.05
Town of Hartford	301.90
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Total Available	\$ 621.95
Orders Drawn:	
Cole's Store	\$ 42.77
Omar Farrar	8.00
V. G. Barrett	40.00
Elden Garey	16.00
John Taylor	20.00
Lewis M. Mann & Son	1.92
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Total Orders Drawn	\$ 128.69
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Unexpended	\$ 493.26

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$ 96.00
Orders Drawn:	
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 78.75
Unexpended	\$ 17.25

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, 1952	\$ 198.60
Orders Drawn:	
C. J. Cole	\$ 9.41
Unexpended	\$ 189.19

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

Your cooperation and aid in the several fires of last summer is greatly appreciated. Your quick response and willing work prevented much greater loss of forest acreage. Both fires were apparently set by lightning.

Most folks have secured burning permits as required by law. May I caution you again to use care and common sense? Thank you.

JOHN S. TAYLOR,
Fire Warden

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance, 1952	\$ 406.31
Orders Drawn:	
Oxford County Tel. and Tel.	\$ 18.90
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 5.00
	\$ 23.90
Unexpended	\$ 382.41

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$ 80.00
Orders Drawn:	
Walter M. Chandler	\$ 76.00
Unexpended	\$ 4.00

SCHOOL CLINICS

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Due Dr. T. P. Nangle	\$ 45.00
Unexpended	\$ 5.00

STATE NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Due State Treasurer	\$ 75.00

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Appropriation	\$ 70.00
Order Drawn:	
State Treasurer	\$ 70.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Order Drawn:	
Cora Record, Relief Corps Treas.	\$ 75.00

NOTES PAYABLE

Norway National Bank	
West Sumner School Addition	
Due Sept. 1, 1954	\$1,000.00
Walter Truck and Plow	
Due Dec. 1, 1954	850.00
State Aid Road (New Bridge)	
Due July 1954	2,689.28
Total	\$ 4,539.28

**MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS
DRAWN BY SELECTMEN**

Norway National Bank, Temporary Loan	\$10,300.00
Treasurer of Oxford County, Tax	1,073.10
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Total	\$11,373.10

NEW CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Received of C. M. Crockett Estate for	
Lot No. 65, Elmwood Cemetery	\$ 200.00
Received of Denis and Henry Parlin for Addison	
Parlin Lot in West Sumner Cemetery	150.00
Total, placed on Time Deposit in Casco	
Bank and Trust Company	\$ 350.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES AND
INTEREST ON CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Appropriation	\$ 130.00
Orders drawn:	
Leon Conant	\$ 15.00
John Redding	7.00
Sumner Hill Cemetery Association	17.00
Black Mountain Cemetery Association	4.25
Lettie Ford	8.50
C. M. Stevens, Summerfield	34.00
C. J. Cole, Elmwood	51.00
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	\$ 136.75
Overdraft	\$ 6.75

INTEREST ON INVESTED TRUST FUNDS

Balance from 1952	\$ 31.81
Mary Gammon	12.50
Myrtle Heald	5.00

Hattie Barrows		7.50
O. C. Turner, Moses Young, Sewall Glover, James Packard, John Moody, Dennis Parlin,		
C. M. Crockett		9.55
	\$	66.36
Orders Drawn		
C. J. Cole, Treasurer	\$	19.00
West Sumner Cemetery Association		1.50
	\$	20.50
Balance	\$	45.14

TRUST FUNDS USED BY TOWN

Allen, Reverend and Sarah Barrows	\$	100.00
Gammon, S. B.		100.00
Gurney, Louise		200.00
Heald, Olive		100.00
Keene, Almira		500.00
Keene, Lydia		100.00
Purkis, Lucy		100.00
Roberts, Elmer		100.00
Robinson, L. M.		500.00
Russell, Lucy		100.00
Russell, Rebecca		100.00
Stetson, Clara		200.00
Stetson, Hezekiah		100.00
Stetson, Solomon		100.00
Varney, Lydia		100.00
Total	\$	2,500.00

Note:—Interest paid annually at 4 1/2 %

TRUST FUNDS INVESTED BY TOWN

How Invested:		
1D, U. S. Savings Bonds		
Gammon, Mary	\$	500.00
2C, U. S. Savings Bonds		
Heald, Myrtle		200.00

U. S. Savings Bonds	
Barrows, Hattie L.	200.00
Casco Bank and Trust Co.	
Crockett, C. M.	200.00
Glover, Sewall and Fred	150.00
Moody, John	150.00
Packard, James	100.00
Parlin, Addison	150.00
Turner, O. E.	150.00
Young, Moses	100.00

	\$ 1,900.00

REPORT OF MINISTER AND MINISTERIAL FUNDS, 1953

Investments,

Oxford Paper Co. Stock,	\$1,100.00
Oxford Tel. & Tel. Co. Stock,	750.00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Savings Acct.	4.00

	1,854.00

Cash account,

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1953,	\$ 00.00
Dividends received, 1953,	
Oxford Paper Co.	75.00
Oxford Tel. & Tel. Co.,	90.00

Total	\$ 165.00
Payments made, 1953,	
Universalist Society,	80.88
Congregationalist Society,	84.12
Total	\$ 165.00
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 00.00

Respectfully submitted

H. L. COBB

Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Year Ending February 1, 1954

Cash on hand (Checking account) Feb. 2, 1953 \$ 1,615.87

Taxes

Current Year	\$27,523.16
Prior Years	1,373.89
Tax Liens 1952	370.01
Tax Liens 1951	1,441.56
Tax Liens 1950	306.00
Tax Acquired property	785.81
Excise Taxes 1953	1,544.92
Excise Taxes 1954	336.00
	<hr/> \$33,681.35

Departmental Receipts from State

Educational	\$ 5,122.65
Snow Removal	1,760.70
Town Road Improvement	4,595.43
State Aid Road	2,132.00
Flood Money	1,619.33
Fighting Forest Fires	342.94
Dog Tax Refund	27.19
Bank Stock Tax	36.00
Railroad & Telegraph Tax	239.53
	<hr/> \$15,875.77

From Other Sources

Temporary Loan	\$10,300.00
Bridge Loan	2,689.28
Interest on Cemetery Trust Funds	45.23
Interest on School Trust Funds	5.27
Highway, Town of Hartford	5.00
Snow Account, Hartford	60.35
School Bus, Floyd Trask	538.80

Charities	418.30
Cost and Interest	255.69
Use of Equipment	301.90
Cora Mae Crockett, Cemetery	
Trust Fund	200.00
Denis Parlin, Cemetery	
Trust Fund	150.00
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	\$14,969.82
Total Receipts	—————
	\$64,526.94
Total Available	—————
Total Warrants Paid	\$66,142.81
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Total Warrants Paid	59,213.77
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Balance in Checking Account Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 6,929.04

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. COLE
Treasurer

LIST OF UNPAID 1952 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Vera	\$ 49.50
Abbott, Vera	171.00
Bragg, Thomas	72.00
DeCoster, Alice	126.00
Duchesne, Rene	148.50
Farris, Amy	99.00
Heath, George	81.90
Gesner, Ivan & Marjorie	72.00
Newton, E. E. & Norma B.	36.00
Robinson, Mary	22.50
Richardson, Donald	58.50
Waters, Claude & Harriet	94.50
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	\$1,031.40

Non-Resident

Allen, Olive	\$ 85.50
Daniels, Alfred	99.90

McAllister, John	130.50
Rasmussen, A. V.	79.20
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	\$ 395.10

EXPIRED 1951 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Vera	\$ 49.50
Abbott, Sidney E.	117.00
Bragg, Thomas	72.00
Brown, Frances & Clyde	54.00
Richardson, Donald	58.50
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	\$ 351.00

Non-Resident

Bisbee, W. L.	\$ 27.00
Churchill, Elmer E.	9.90
Walters, Nelson & Martha	51.75
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	\$ 88.65

EXPIRED 1950 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Vera	\$ 44.00
Abbott, Sidney E.	104.00
Bragg, Thomas	64.00
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	\$ 212.00

EXPIRED 1949 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$104.00	\$ 104.00
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EXPIRED 1948 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 88.40	\$ 88.40
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EXPIRED 1947 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$104.00
Spaulding, Inez, Heirs	4.40
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	\$ 108.40

We have received from Sidney E. Abbott, \$385.81 on his
expired tax liens.

Tax Collector's Report

LIST OF 1953 ABATEMENTS

Redding, George, fire	\$ 29.10
Bryant, Morris, paid elsewhere	3.00
Biron, Sylva, error	48.50
Trask, Floyd, loss of 2 cows	12.33
Enman, Lester, paid elsewhere	10.28
Russell, Harry, paid elsewhere	3.00
Irish, Lawrence, error	67.90
Barrett, Virgil, error	2.43
Dyer, J. R., error	3.00
Gibbs, John, paid elsewhere	3.00
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	\$ 182.54

1951 ABATEMENTS

Fortier, Rosaire	\$ 23.75
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1953 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

Crockett, Cleon Robert	\$ 3.00
Myers, Kenneth	3.00
Brainard, Leon N.	3.00
Lebel, Ralph	3.00
Batchelder, Onel	3.00
Bonney, Vernon	3.00
Dunn, Robert	3.00
Duchesne, Rene, Jr.	3.00
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	\$ 24.00

1952 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

Littlehale, Gladys	\$ 4.95
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1953 UNPAID TAXES

	Resident	Poll	Personal	Real Estate
Abbott, Glenn			\$ 8.25	
Abbott, Stevens			36.42	
Abbott, Sidney E.			67.90	\$106.70
Abbott, Vera				184.30
Abbott, Vera				53.35
Ackley, Paul and Corrine			.97	87.30
Andrews, Zelda				75.85
Barrows, Melville			13.58	87.30
Bartlett, Irving	\$3.00			4.85
Bartlett, Lionel			12.13	
Bartlett, Irving and Lionel				53.35
Bisbee, Inez				46.08
Bisbee, Inez and Leroy	3.00		10.67	145.50
Bragg, Harry			4.85	33.95
Bragg, Thomas			10.67	77.60
Brown, Frances				58.20
*Billings, Donald				20.32
DeCoster, Alice			151.81	135.80
Dillingham, Marion			7.28	29.10
Drake, Bernard			15.52	33.95
Dyer, Mabel — Heirs				129.01
Dyer, J. R.			3.40	
Estes, Ralph			4.85	
Estes, Stanley			10.67	29.10
Farris, Amy			73.72	106.70
Farris, Guy	3.00		9.70	
Fortier, Rosaire	3.00			39.77
Gammon, Gerald, Jr.				4.85
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie			27.65	58.20
Gibbs, John			9.70	75.66
Henderson, Anna and Jack	3.00		10.67	
Henry, Walter and Winnifred				21.83
Libby, Angie			7.28	34.92

Mains, F. Sheldon and Grace	17.95	118.83
Morrison, E. A.	5.34	19.40
McCollister, Raymond	10.67	70.33
Newton, E. E. and Norma B.		38.80
Pike, Robert	90.21	97.00
Redding, John	21.34	101.85
Richardson, Donald	20.86	67.90
Tucker, Vivian and Ruth	3.00	11.16
Trenworth, John	3.00	
Waters, Claude and Harriet	3.00	2.43
Webber, Edgeley		7.28
	<hr/> \$24.00	<hr/> \$684.93
Total		<hr/> \$2,504.70
		<hr/> \$3,213.63

Non-Resident

Allen, Olive		\$101.85
Benson, Maurice		43.65
Bisbee, W. L.		2.43
Bisbee, Norman	\$4.85	19.40
Churchill, Elmer		9.70
Daniels, Alfred		107.67
McAllister, John		101.85
Perreault, Edward L.		77.60
Rasmussen, A. V.		85.36
Redding, George		29.10
Tucker, George	\$48.50	
Waugh, Russell and Teresa		97.00
	<hr/> \$53.35	<hr/> \$675.61
Total		\$728.96
GRAND TOTAL UNPAID, 1953		\$3,942.59

1952 UNPAID PERSONAL TAXES**Resident**

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$ 31.20
Conant, Leon	9.90
DeCoster, Alice	220.95
Estes, Stanley	10.35
Farris, Amy	39.35
Gesner, Ivan	12.15
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	\$323.90

Non-Resident

Tucker, George	\$ 31.50
Total Unpaid 1952 personal taxes	\$355.40
*Paid since books closed.	

TAX STATEMENT FOR 1953

Commitment	\$32,024.29
Supplementary	24.00
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	\$32,048.29
Treasurer Received	\$27,523.16
Abatements	182.54
Uncollected	3,942.59
Credit for Plank	400.00
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	\$32,048.29

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

This does not include any town property.

Resources

Money in Checking Account, Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 6,929.04
Uncollected Taxes, 1953	3,942.59

Unpaid Tax Liens, 1952	1,426.50
Unpaid Tax Liens prior to 1952	952.45
Unpaid Personal Taxes, 1952	355.40
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	\$13,605.98

Liabilities

Trust Funds Used by Town	\$2,500.00
Balance Due Collector, 1953	100.00
Notes at Norway National Bank	
West Sumner School	1,000.00
Truck and Snow Plow	850.00
Town's Part State Aid Note	1,066.00
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	\$ 5,516.00
Balance	<hr/> \$ 8,089.98

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAYLOR,
 FLOYD E. TRASK,
 F. SHELDON MAINS,
 Selectmen of Sumner

Note: All figures printed herein are subject to subsequent audit.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHESTER COLE	Term expires 1954
LELIA TAYLOR	Term expires 1955
ALMA ABBOTT	Term expires 1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ALFRED A. BRACY

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Sumner:

I herewith submit my annual report of the condition of the schools at Sumner together with an itemized statement of income and expenditures for the fiscal year 1953-1954.

Excellent progress is being made on our textbook replacement program. Many of the old, torn, and worn-out books have been replaced. The teachers and pupils are quite happy with the new books. There is a lot of satisfaction in having a book with all the pages intact.

I would recommend that something be done about the lack of adequate heating facilities at the Morrill School. Also the classroom should be painted at this school. Plans should be formulated to include the laying of a new floor in the primary room at West Sumner. The floor is worn so thin in some places that as a safety measure the teacher has to forbid any active games.

The policy of transporting all upper grade pupils to one building is an excellent one. It permits the concentration of additional reference materials for these pupils. This is proving invaluable to them when they go to High School. I would like to thank the School Board for their very active

interest in educational matters and for the fine spirit of co-operation they have manifested. To the organizations which have been so helpful and to the citizens of Sumner I extend thanks. Without the help of these good people the healthy growth and sound progress found here would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED A. BRACY

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Superintending School Committee recommends that you raise \$12,700.00 for a school budget. The School Board also recommends that the sum of \$250.00 be raised for repairs and contingency for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER COLE
LELIA TAYLOR
ALMA ABBOTT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1953-1954

Income

Appropriation	\$13,565.00
Balance 1953	34.02
(Auditor's adjusted balance)	
State Aid	5,122.65
Interest	5.27
Floyd Trask for Bus	538.80
	\$19,265.74

Expenditures

Teaching	\$7,331.52
Conveyance	4,280.60
Janitor	359.75
Fuel	669.94
Supplies and Textbooks	724.27
Superintendent's Salary	688.35
Office Supplies	38.40
High School Tuition	3,202.99

	17,295.82
Unexpended 1954 Balance	\$ 1,969.92

REPAIRS and CONTINGENCY

Appropriation	125.00	125.00
Overdraft 1953	17.60	
Expended	64.71	

	82.31	
Unexpended 1954 Balance		\$ 42.69

EXPENDITURES**Teaching**

Beulah Cole	\$1,670.38
Sadie D'Aiutolo	1,645.88
Mary Fleming	1,645.88
Doris Gammon	25.50
Annie Garey	1,695.88
Elaine Mann Knight	240.00
Bessie Gordon	208.00
Joan Hammond	200.00

	\$7,331.52

Conveyance

David Boyle	\$ 240.00
Beulah Cole	810.00
Chester DeCoster	240.00
Doris Gammon	33.00
Floyd Trask	2,418.80
Turner Garage	500.00
G. H. Bessey	38.80
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	\$4,280.60

Janitor

Beulah Cole	\$ 72.00
Sadie D'Aiutolo	72.00
Walter E. Appleby	13.75
Gerald Farrar	5.00
David Cole	3.00
Elsie Farrar	50.00
Audio Visual Center	144.00
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	\$ 359.75

Fuel

Benson's Coal and Oil Co.	\$ 403.96
Central Maine Power Company	72.82
James Irish	29.16
P. H. Chadbourne and Co.	9.00
David Everett	3.00
Glenn Abbott	22.00
David Chamberlain	130.00
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	\$ 669.94

Supplies & Textbooks

Davis Nation-Wide Store	\$ 2.13
World Book Company	29.46
Loring, Short and Harmon	8.96

Gledhill Bros. Inc.	28.87
M. N. Perkins Co.	6.19
Rochester Germicide Company	7.94
Cascade Paper Company	39.93
P. H. Chadbourne Company	9.00
J. L. Hammett Company	17.04
Scott, Foresman and Company	4.67
Cole's General Store	49.71
C. S. Hammond Co.	15.00
Ginn and Company	253.21
The Grolier Society Inc.	100.45
Silver Burdett Company	35.89
Scott, Foresman and Company	53.60
Macmillan Company	3.32
John C. Winston Company	58.90
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	\$ 724.27

High School Tuition

Town of Norway	\$ 343.31
Town of Paris	2,104.13
Town of Buckfield	755.55
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	\$3,202.99

Superintendent's Salary

Alfred A. Bracy	\$ 688.35
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Office Expense

Alfred A. Bracy	\$ 38.40
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TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

Beulah Cole	East Sumner
Mary Fleming	West Sumner
Annie Garey	West Sumner
Sadie D'Aiutolo	Morrill
Joan Hammond	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term, Sept. 8 to Dec. 18, 1953	15 weeks
First Winter Term, Dec. 28 to Feb. 19, 1954	8 weeks
Second Winter Term, Mar. 1 to Apr. 16, 1954	7 weeks
Spring Term, Apr. 26 to June 11, 1954	7 weeks

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION STUDENTS

Paris	7	Norway	1	Buckfield	4
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot.
East Summer	7	8	6	6	0	0	0	0	27
West Summer	6	5	2	6	5	16	14	6	60
Morrill	0	6	1	5	9	0	0	0	21
Total									108

State of Maine

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Augusta

REPORT ON MOUTH HEALTH PROJECT

SUMNER — OCTOBER 1953

To the Town of Sumner:

Your second annual mouth health project was recently completed by a dental hygienist from the Division of Dental Health. This program was financed by town appropriation.

As was started last year, your project consisted of sodium fluoride applications for the partial prevention of dental decay. Three-year-olds and children of the second, fifth, and eighth grades were offered applications. As usual the first application for each child was preceded by a professional cleaning that the solution might be applied directly to all of each tooth surface and the children were urged to keep their

teeth well brushed. Each child was scheduled to have four applications.

Each child also received a dental examination, made with mouth mirror and explorer. During the applications, the dental hygienist discussed mouth health with the children and showed them how they could improve their own mouth health. After the applications were completed mouth reports were sent home to the parents stating the age when he should have another series; describing the health of his mouth then; suggesting what could be done to improve it, and how the parents could help.

Children in the sub-primary and first grades received mouth examinations, and mouth reports were also sent home to their parents.

You are to be commended for offering these applications to your three-year-olds. Extensive research has established that sodium fluoride solution applied with a specific technique to the teeth of a three-year-old will help preserve the first or "baby" teeth. Retaining these teeth in useable healthy conditions until the proper time to lose them is most important for good mouth development and adequate chewing.

In all, 59 children were examined — 46 of these started the series of sodium fluoride applications and 45 completed the series. At the time of examination 26 children were considered to have clean mouths; 7, including the three-year-olds, had no decayed teeth; and 24 said that they had been to the dentist. However, no children had all decay corrected. This shows that there is still a great need for more and better dental care for Sumner children.

At this time I wish to thank all those who helped with the Sumner program.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES, R.D.H.

January 1954

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE SUMNER — 1953

Resuming my work as your public health nurse is a distinct pleasure to me. The willingness and enthusiasm with which you work for the health of your community is most outstanding.

In the early spring and summer three Child Health Conferences were held at which time 42 children were examined by Dr. Nangle, the Conference physician. Twenty-five children were immunized against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus; 16 had smallpox vaccinations.

In the fall all school children were examined and offered immunizations, by Dr. Nangle, assisted by members of the Mother's Club, School Committee and the public health nurse. It was interesting to note that more recall injections — "Boosters" — were given than initial immunizations. This would seem to indicate that your children are being immunized early in life, which is good community public health practice.

Early in the new year, your public health nurse expects to test all school children's hearing from the 4th grade and above. Home visits will be made to assist parents in securing correction of those with defective hearing.

The public health nurse continues to make home visits to communicable disease cases and their contacts; and to children with crippling diseases. These visits are made to help interpret to the family: the doctor's orders, to review clinic cases, and to assist family in following any recommendations made. She also visits infants and preschool children to help mothers with diets, child training and other problems of the young. She will demonstrate and teach any bed-side care or treatment ordered by the family doctor.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, the School Committee and the Mother's Club for their continued cooperation and interest in the health programs of Sumner.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) HELEN ARNOLD, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

Auditor's Report

State of Maine

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta

August 26, 1953

Board of Selectmen

Sumner, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sumner have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1953.

The examination was made by Auditor D. M. Strand in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY

State Auditor

COMMENTS**Town of Sumner****February 3, 1952 to February 2, 1953**

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Sumner has been completed for the municipal year ended February 2, 1953. The audit included examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

The result of the audit indicates that the municipal officials should give consideration to the following suggestion:

Excise taxes collected should be deposited in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 105 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, which reads in part: "Every collector of taxes shall, on the last day of each month, pay to the treasurer of the town all monies collected by him . . ."

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The result of the year's operations disclosed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$2,309.36. However, overdrafts totaling \$659.40 were noted, (Exhibit D). Unexpended and overdraft balances are summarized as follows:

Unexpended Balances	\$2,968.76
Overdrafts	659.40
Net Unexpended Balances	\$2,309.36

The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

A comparative statement of available funds and expenditures, (Exhibit B), disclosed that for the 1952 year, available funds decreased by \$2,483.45 as compared with those of the preceding year. Expenditures for the same period decreased by \$6,085.05. The factors contributing to these differences were reviewed with no exceptions noted. The following is a summary of the differences as compared with available funds and expenditures of the preceding year:

Decreased Available Funds

Proceeds from Notes Issued	\$5,202.99
Reimbursements	(962.10)
Carrying Balances Expended	(677.17)
Other Accounts (net)	(1,080.27)
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Net Decrease	\$2,483.45

Decreased Expenditures

Highways and Bridges	\$5,165.25
Education	1,816.98
Special Assessments	2,060.30
Other Accounts (net)	(2,957.48)
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Net Decrease	\$6,085.05

RESERVES AND SURPLUS

From the examination of the departmental accounts it was determined that the net overdraft balance carried forward to the ensuing year totaled \$100.47, (Exhibit D).

At the year end the unappropriated surplus amounted to \$6,504.23 or a net increase of \$2,281.87 as compared with the preceding year. This increase was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures.

NOTE INDEBTEDNESS

The note indebtedness of the town at the close of the year amounted to \$9,398.00, (Schedule A-6). The state aid road construction note of \$3,198.00 is reflected in the general fund and is to be retired by a 1953 appropriation of \$1,066.00 and \$2,132.00 which is due from the State of Maine. The remaining notes payable of \$6,200.00 are shown in the debt fund and mature \$4,350.00 in 1953 and \$1,850.00 in 1954.

TRUST FUNDS

The examination of the various funds held in trust by the town disclosed that principals totaled \$6,079.00 and the unexpended income amounted to \$6.61 at the close of the fiscal year. New trust funds totaling \$250.00 were received during the year and were invested in time deposits. The funds were invested as follows:

U. S. Savings Bonds	\$ 900.00
Time Deposits	835.61
Stocks	1,850.00
Due from General Fund	2,500.00
 Total	 \$6,085.61

From the examination of trust funds it was noted that cemetery perpetual care funds of \$2,500.00 were a part of the general fund rather than being invested as provided for by Chapter 80, Section 106 of the Revised Statutes of 1944. Also noted were the type investments of the ministerial fund, Oxford Paper Company stock. It is suggested that a review be made to determine if these investments comply with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 106 and Chapter 55, Section 38, Sub-sections I to IX, of the Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

GENERAL

Count of cash was made and records were checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Available funds and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of tax, tax lien accounts and notes payable. Insurance and bond coverages were examined. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheets and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at February 2, 1953, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

Assets		
	Feb. 2, 1953	Feb. 2, 1952
Cash in Bank	\$1,615.87	\$2,413.60
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	2,508.95	5,134.97
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	3,776.95	4,466.60
Taxe Liens (Schedule A-3)	2,836.20	2,027.00
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	297.79	297.79
Deferred Appropriation:		
State Aid Road Construction	1,066.00	2,132.00
TOTAL — GENERAL FUND	\$12,101.76	\$16,471.96

DEBT FUND

Assets		
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes		
From Future Revenues	\$6,200.00	\$3,000.00
TRUST FUNDS		
Assets		
Time Deposits (Schedule A-6)	\$ 835.61	\$ 585.61
Investments (Schedule A-6)	2,750.00	2,750.00
Due from General Fund (Schedule A-6)	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL — TRUST FUNDS	\$6,085.61	\$5,835.61

Liabilities

	Feb. 2, 1953	Feb. 2, 1952
Notes Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$3,198.00	\$6,396.00
Due Trust Funds	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Liabilities	5,698.00	8,896.00
Reserve		
Authorized Expenditures (Exhibit D) (100.47)	3,353.60
Surplus		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	6,504.23	4,222.36
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$12,101.76	\$16,471.96

FUND

Liabilities		
Notes Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 3,000.00
FUND		
Liabilities		
Principals (Schedule A-7)	\$ 6,079.00	\$ 5,829.00
Unexpended Income (Schedule A-7)	6.61	6.61
TOTAL—TRUST FUND	\$ 6,085.61	\$ 5,835.61

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

Years Ended February 2,

	1953	1952	1951
REVENUES:			
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	\$ 28,031.13	\$ 27,248.97	\$ 23,881.60
Supplemental Taxes	136.50	235.50	42.00
Excise Taxes	1,976.16	1,791.98	1,637.80
State of Maine	10,107.74	10,112.38	9,420.94
Lien Costs and Interest	247.36	353.55	230.68
Use of Highway Equipment	32.00	474.00	1,229.75
Reimbursements—Charity	2,140.02	1,482.67	1,489.87
Tuition	576.00	438.00	546.00
Interest on School Fund	4.84	4.84	4.40
Cemetery Trust Fund Income	34.41	36.89	22.50
Reimbursement—Snow Removal	304.75		
Settlement of Road Damage Claim	547.60		
Sale of Snowplow	150.00		
Refunds	45.00		
Miscellaneous	44.96		
Insurance Claim			108.66
TOTAL REVENUES	44,378.47		5,462.19
			44,076.39

ADD:

Carrying Balances Expended	3,454.07
Proceeds from Notes Issued	4,200.00
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	52,032.54

DEDUCT:

Revenue Applicable to Appropriation

Carrying Balances

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

EXPENDITURES

General Government Protection	3,364.34	\$ 52,032.54	\$ 54,515.99	6,322.45	\$ 37,753.94			
Health and Sanitation	494.85		2,996.73	2,530.33				
Highways and Bridges	75.00		614.93		73.95			
Equipment Rental (Repairs)	19,957.68		120.00		232.37			
Charity	1,235.57		25,122.93		15,596.73			
Education	4,714.21		855.44		834.19			
Cemeteries	17,592.10		3,439.96		3,985.71			
Municipal Indebtedness	126.66		19,409.03		11,761.18			
Special Assessments	1,000.00		121.75		126.25			
Unclassified	942.31		3,002.61		1,100.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220.45		124.80		2,999.40			
EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES		\$ 49,723.18		55,808.23				
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$ 2,309.36			\$ 1,292.24			
						\$ 1,629.57		
							39,383.51	

**REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS
NUMBER OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
FOR 1953**

Births	Sixteen (16)
Marriages	Seven (7)
Deaths	Fourteen (14)

- January 8, at Sumner, Mabel M. Dyer, aged 73 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.
- January 22, at Auburn, Lottie E. Standish, aged 61 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Canda.
- March 8, at Minot, Ida J. Bonney, aged 89 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.
- March 22, at Rangeley, Mildred Keene Perry, aged 64 years. Residence, Rangeley. Birthplace, Sumner.
- April 4, at Lewiston, Stella B. Keene, aged 62 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Buckfield.
- April 6, at Freeport, Horace Briggs, aged 61 years. Residence, Freeport. Birthplace, Sumner.
- May 5, at Sumner, Emma P. Chesley, aged 74 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Boston, Mass.
- May 19, at Sumner, Alfred Tripp, aged 70 years. Residence Sumner. Birthplace, Gray.
- May 27, at Sumner, Melville C. Barrows, aged 75 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.
- June 3, At Auburn, Naaman B. Burgess, aged 79 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Peru.
- July 20, at Farmington, George Burgess, aged 88 years. Residence Wilton. Birthplace, Peru.
- September 7, at Mechanic Falls, Bessie L. Maxim, aged 76 years. Residence, Mechanic Falls. Birthplace, Sumner.
- November 6, at Rumford, Hattie M. Bartlett, aged 74 years. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Franklin, Mass.
- December 16, at Sumner, Joyce V. Bragg, aged 6 mos. 9 days. Residence, Sumner. Birthplace, Sumner.

MARY B. HICKS,

Clerk

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED IN 1953

Males	Sixty (60)
Females	Fifteen (15)
Spayed Females	Fifteen (15)
 Total	 Ninety (90)

MARY B. HICKS,
Clerk

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

As librarian of Increase Library, I have been asked by the Maine State Library to insert the following notice in our town report:

The Maine State Library, Augusta, lacks the following reports of this town: for the years ending 1890 to 1899, 1909, and anything prior to 1889.

It will appreciate information about available reports.

It might interest our townspeople to know that our library has the complete collection of town reports since 1887. These were a gift from the late Ida J. Bonney. They are available for inspection at the library but are not to be taken out.

MARY B. HICKS,
Librarian

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Annual Report

Town of

SUMNER

MAINE



For the Year Ending February 1

1955

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the

TOWN of SUMNER MAINE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1955

1954 TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
C. J. COLE

Clerk
MARY HICKS

Treasurer
C. J. COLE

Tax Collector
HAROLD MATTHEWS

Constables
HAROLD MATTHEWS VIRGIL BARRETT

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
KENNETH E. COLE EUGENE L. FARRAR
L. MORRIS BRYANT

Road Commissioner
ELDRED HAMMOND

Superintending School Committee
ETHEL BOYLES ALMA ABBOTT
ALFRED CHESLEY

Superintendent of Schools
EDWARD C. MANNING

Health Officer
VIRGIL BARRETT

Fire Warden
KENNETH E. COLE

Treasurer of Ministerial Fund
H. L. COBB

TOWN WARRANT

To Harold Matthews, a constable in the Town of Sumner in the County of Oxford. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Union Grange Hall, East Sumner in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of March, A. D. 1955, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the municipal officers for the year ending February 1, 1955.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to call for bids for the collection of taxes.

Art. 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to road commissioners.

Art. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town officers' salaries

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray miscellaneous accounts for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on town ways.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the support of common schools and for tuition of high school pupils for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate necessary money for the repairs of school houses.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor and supplementary old age assistance for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on town buildings.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance or town equipment.

Art. 18. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Note: The amount suggested is in accordance with an equalized schedule for all cities and towns based upon their respective assessed valuations.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with R. S. Chapter 11, sections 622-63-64.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay miscellaneous accounts and town debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the Town for the money so borrowed, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1955 out of money raised during the year 1955 by taxes.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day Services.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for public health nursing in Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health for local service.

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of seven, to include the Superintending School Committee, for the purpose of studying future needs for school buildings in Sumner and bringing in a final report at the annual Town Meeting in March 1956 or at a Special Town Meeting at an earlier date.

Art. 24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of installing a new floor in the primary room at the West Sumner School.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of town officers' bonds, i.e., town treasurer, tax collector, constable, road commissioner.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire fighting equipment.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for smallpox vaccination of townspeople who want it.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries and interest on cemetery trust funds used by the Town.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the physical examination of all children in schools of Sumner. Said sum to be expended by the superintending school committee.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to allow an interest charge on unpaid taxes and tax liens, fix the rate for the same and time said interest shall start.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96.00 for street lighting service.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense purposes.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from Sumner Hill Cemetery to the foot of Potash so called.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading past John Estes from the Black road to Tuell Hill road.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of participating in an area Dental Hygiene program for school children.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote not to accept any more money, that the interest is to be used for the perpetual care of lots in cemeteries.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three persons to study the tax collection situation with the view of reporting to the afternoon business session, for discussion and possible adoption, a plan for trying to secure payment of a greater percentage of the taxes earlier in the tax year than is now common practice through incentives provided either by discounts for early payments or interest charges on late payments beginning at some stated time prior to the closing time of the Town accounts each year.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to pay tax collector for collecting the 1954 and 1955 taxes the same salary as was paid in 1953. (The amount voted for 1954 was \$200.00. The amount paid for 1953 was \$300.00.)

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay expenses on tractor after town books closed. Also to have a motor job done on Walter truck.

Art. 41. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this second day of February A. D. 1955.

KENNETH E. COLE

EUGENE FARRAR

L. MORRIS BRYANT

Selectmen

A true copy attest:

HAROLD MATTHEWS

Constable

Dinner will be served by Union Grange.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE

Value of Real Estate	
Resident	\$159,885.00
Non-Resident	110,545.00
Total Real Estate	 \$270,430.00
Value of Personal Estate	
Resident	\$ 45,430.00
Non-Resident	6,480.00
Total Personal Estate	\$ 51,910.00
Grand Total	\$322,340.00
Total Value of Land	\$154,140.00
Total Value of Building	\$116,290.00

VALUE OF LIVESTOCK

		Av.		
	No.	Value	Total	
Horses, Mules and Ponies	60	\$60.67	\$ 3,640.00	
Steers, Oxen, Bulls, and Beef				
Cattle over 18 mos.	30	50.00	1,500.00	
Milk Cows including Heifers				
that have freshened	196	52.10	10,210.00	
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs. old	15	36.00	540.00	
Heifers over two years old				
not yet freshened	28	37.50	1,050.00	
Sheep over 35 in number	2	15.00	30.00	
Domestic Fowls over 50 in no.	755	.75	545.00	
Total of Taxable Livestock			\$17,515.00	

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Cattle 18 mos. and younger	160	\$20.16	\$ 3,225.00
Sheep to the number of 35	71	15.00	1,065.00

Swine to the number of 10	27	22.75	615.00
Domestic Fowls to number of 50	627	.75	481.00

ALL OTHER KIND OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$ 6,450.00
Lumber		4,000.00
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	11	1,150.00
Musical Instruments	32	875.00
Radios and Televisions	143	3,180.00
Electrical Appliances, etc.		12,815.00
Tractors	12	660.00
Machinery and Equipment		3,500.00
Other Property		1,765.00
17.5 Miles Power Line		7,760.00
Value of Property not assessed and not included in Valuation		
Property of Veterans, their widows and Minor Children		1,950.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Common Schools	7,500.00
High School Tuition	4,215.00
Repair of Schoolhouses	250.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	80.00
Textbooks and Supplies	450.00
Repairs of Roads and Bridges	3,500.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
State Aid Road	1,066.00
Eastman Hill Road, Water Pocket	275.00
Memorial Services	75.00
Public Health Nursing	75.00
School Physical	50.00
Dental Hygiene	70.00
Supt. Salary and Office Supplies	535.00
Support of Poor	1,500.00
Retirement of Notes	

West Sumner Addition	1,000.00
Walter Truck	850.00
Street Lighting	96.00
Aid to Dependent Children	900.00
Interest and Care of Cemeteries	130.00
Insurance on Town Equipment and Town Officers' Bonds	360.00
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Total Appropriation	\$ 27,477.00
County Tax	1,073.10
Overlay	880.50
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Total Commitment	\$ 29,430.60
Number of Polls Taxed	140
Number of Polls not Taxed	20
Rate of Taxation	.090

Report of Overseers of the Poor

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
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Orders Drawn:

Lewiston City Treasurer	\$ 268.25
Central Maine General	
Hospital	104.13
Town of Paris	3.00
Edward L. Reeves, M. D.	4.00
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	\$ 379.38

World War Veteran No. 1

Orders Drawn:

John Estes	\$ 30.00
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Supplementary Old Age Assistance

Orders Drawn:

Roland L. McCormack, M. D.	\$ 104.50
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Total Orders Drawn	\$ 513.88
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Unexpended	\$ 986.12

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Henry Jackson

Orders Drawn:

Central Oxford County	
Hospital	\$ 76.50
Thomas Nangle, M. D.	73.00
Roland McCormack, M. D.	10.00

Coles Store		135.19
Total Orders Drawn	\$	294.69
Due from Livermore, 1953		113.96

Received from Livermore	\$	408.65
		411.20

Overpaid	\$	2.55

Clyde Brown

Due from Paris, 1953	\$	99.68
Received from Paris	\$	99.68

World War II Veteran No. 11

Orders Drawn:		
Coles Store	\$	116.09
Received from Paris	\$	116.09

STATE POOR

World War II Veteran No. III

Orders Drawn:		
Everett Davis	\$	18.71
Received from State Treasurer	\$	18.71

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$	900.00
Orders Drawn:		
State Treasurer	\$	900.14

Total Overdraft	\$.14

Report of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
Orders Drawn:	
Kenneth E. Cole	\$ 500.00
Eugene Farrar	100.00
L. Morris Bryant	85.00
C. J. Cole	150.00
Harold Matthews	165.00
Total Expended	\$ 1,000.00
Unexpended	\$ 200.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS AND INSURANCE ON EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Orders Drawn:	
Goodwins Inc.	\$ 297.65
Unexpended	\$ 2.35

SNOW ACCOUNT

V. G. Barrett, Commissioner

From Jan. 25, 1954 until March 1, 1954

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Town of Hartford	49.70
Town of Woodstock	150.00
State Returns	2,345.85
Total Available	\$ 5,545.55
Orders Drawn:	
Labor	
V. G. Barrett	\$ 198.75
John Taylor	210.25

Donald Webster		136.25
Sidney Abbott		14.00
Irvin Bartlet		66.00
Clifford Abbott		80.00
Elden Garey		45.00
Roy Briggs		6.00
Phillip Edmunds		19.00
A. C. Allen		26.00

		\$ 801.25
Trucks and Drivers		
A. E. Farrar	\$	160.40

		\$ 160.40
Gas		
David Boyles	\$	77.50
Coles Store		74.58
Davis Store		9.20
Bonney's Store		8.96

		\$ 170.24
Repairs		
Ellingwood Bros.	\$	40.59
Eastern Tractor Co.		18.26
Mill House Garage		4.50
Portland Tractor Co.		17.88

		\$ 81.23
East Sumner Ice Pocket		
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	\$	30.00

		\$ 30.00
Fuel		
Benson Coal & Oil Co.	\$	32.33

		\$ 32.33

		\$ 1,275.45

From March 1, 1954 Until Jan. 25, 1955

Eldred Hammond, Commissioner

Orders Drawn:

Labor

Eldred Hammond	\$ 400.50
Phillip Edmunds	32.80
Clifford Abbott	50.10
Olpha Varney	47.00
Floyd Varney	31.00
Virgil Barrett	156.00
David Boyle	2.00
August Kilponen	20.00
Kenneth Cole	26.50
Francis Gammon	240.23
Vernon Farrar	64.70
Irvin Bartlett	50.50
Darwin Stevens	18.50
Kenneth Hazelton	4.50
Ralph Brooks	17.10
Wayne Lawrence	45.80
Carroll Hadley	87.30
John Gibbs	45.00
Phillip D'Aiutolo	18.30
Eugene Farrar	57.00
Henry Benson	50.00
Arlan Farrar, Jr.	4.00
Arthur Farrar	15.00
Sidney Abbott, Jr.	10.80
Roy Briggs	14.00
Norman Bisbee	6.00
Norman Jack	36.90
Carl Gammon, Bulldozing	30.00

\$ 1,581.53

Trucks

Eldred Hammond	534.60
Arlan Farrar	100.45

Frank Bragg	12.00	
L. H. Poland	16.50	
		\$ 663.55
Trucks and Drivers		
Arlan Farrar	36.60	
L. H. Poland	10.00	
Robert Farrar	33.55	
Ralph Campbell, Jr.	108.00	
		\$ 188.15
Drivers		
Malvern Hammond	\$ 217.00	
Kenneth Hazelton	5.00	
Clifford Abbott	53.00	
Kyle Cooper	14.00	
Marshall Keene	8.00	
Omar Farrar	11.00	
		\$ 308.00
Gas, Oil and Fuel		
David Boyle	57.83	
Everett Davis	21.98	
Bonney's Store	6.55	
C. J. Cole	38.93	
Benson Coal & Oil Co.	49.56	
		\$ 174.85
Repairs		
Portland Tractor Co.	37.91	
Eastern Tractor Co.	96.59	
Ellingwood Bros.	73.45	
E. E. Richardson	26.50	
Frank Warren	2.79	
D. E. Jack	1.00	
Kenneth Cole, Tire and Tube for Walter Truck	32.81	

Hannel Bros. Sheet Metal Works,
Radiator for Walter Truck 131.03

\$ 402.08

Salt, Blades and Sand
State Highway Com., Salt 316.00
B. M. Clark Co., Inc. Blades 23.20
Carl Gammon, Sand 134.40
Jack Rosenberg, Tractor Hire 20.00

\$ 493.60

Taking Down Snow Fence

Clifford Abbott 17.80
Hiram Hazelton 19.80
Clyde Brown 12.60
Vernon Farrar 18.00
Floyd Varney 22.00
Irvin Bartlett 10.80
Stan Estes 5.40

\$ 106.40

Putting Up Snow Fence

Eldred Hammond 72.90
Floyd Varney 94.50
Linwood Haynes 87.30
Ralph Brooks 87.30
Carroll Hadley 22.50
Wayne Lawrence .90
Eldred Hammond, Truck 1.50
Malvern Hammond 1.00
Clayton Lothrop 1.45

\$ 369.35

\$ 4,287.51

Total Orders Drawn \$ 5,562.96
Total Overdraft \$ 17.41

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Eldred Hammond, Commissioner

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00
Gift from Earl Rowell	20.00
Total Available	\$ 3,520.00
Orders Drawn:	
Labor	
Eldred Hammond	\$ 339.40
Malvern Hammond	162.00
Francis Gammon	360.00
Floyd Varney	229.30
Omar Farrar	8.00
Clifford Abbott	112.00
Hiram Hazelton	163.80
Wayne Lawrence	168.70
Vernon Farrar	29.70
Harold Crockett	7.20
Clyde Brown	7.20
J. F. Redding	10.00
Stanley Estes	1.80
Irvin Bartlett	3.60
Raymond Tucker	13.00
Virgil Barrett	40.50
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	\$ 1,656.20
Trucks and Drivers	
Eldred Hammond	313.50
Arlan Farrar	122.00
L. H. Poland	33.55
Robert Farrar	27.45
Bernard Drake	12.05
Raymond Starbird	3.05
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	\$ 511.60
Trucks	
Eldred Hammond	79.00
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	\$ 79.00

Teams		
D. E. Jack	18.00	
Floyd Trask	36.00	
Eldred Hammond	9.00	
Stevens Abbott	79.20	
Edgar Barrett	10.00	
Amy Farris	1.80	
		\$ 154.00
Hired Tractors and Drivers		
August Kilponen	44.10	
Maurice Benson	5.00	
Chester DeCoster	18.00	
		\$ 67.10
Repairs		
Ellingwood Bros.	46.14	
Eastern Tractor Co.	227.35	
Fogg's Transportation Co.	1.90	
Trap Corner Garage	2.00	
		\$ 277.39
Gas		
David Boyle	27.15	
Everett Davis	29.98	
Tolman Bonney	59.09	
C. J. Cole	9.68	
Leon Conant	4.70	
		\$ 130.60
Oil and Lubricants		
Northeastern Petroleum Co.	92.41	
		\$ 92.41
Fuel		
Benson Coal & Oil Co.	18.93	
		\$ 18.93

Gravel		
Carl Gammon	184.00	

Stringers	\$	184.00
Henry Bennett	6.00	
Chester DeCoster	20.00	

Plank	\$	26.00
Town of Sumner	336.36	

Culverts	\$	336.36
Town of Hartford	51.80	

Total Orders Drawn	\$	51.80

Total Overdraft	\$	3,585.39

Total Overdraft	\$	65.39
The Town of Sumner has \$26.01 worth of plank due from Carl Gammon on deal made in 1953.		
EASTMAN HILL ROAD ICE POCKET		
Eldred Hammond, Commissioner		
Appropriation	\$	275.00
Orders Drawn:		
Labor		
Eldred Hammond	12.60	
Francis Gammon	18.00	
Malvern Hammond	16.00	

	\$	46.60
Wayne Lawrence, Truck Drivers	12.00	
Cecil Howe, Truck Drivers	16.00	

	\$	28.00

Trucks and Drivers		
Milton Warren	37.50	
Frank Bragg	35.00	
		\$ 72.50
Trucks		
Eldred Hammond	21.00	
Robert Addison	32.80	
		\$ 53.80
Gravel		
James Gammon	30.00	
		\$ 30.00
Shovel		
Martel & Brule	50.40	
		\$ 50.40
Total Orders Drawn		\$ 281.30
Total Overdraft		\$ 6.30

CUTTING BUSHES ON TOWN WAYS

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Orders Drawn:	
John Redding	\$ 4.50
Eldred Hammond	58.00
Francil Gammon	2.00
August Kilponen	21.00
L. J. Andrews	23.40
Malvern Hammond	10.80
Vernon Farrar	14.00
Floyd Varney	72.00
	\$ 205.70
Unexpended	\$ 94.30

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

State Allotment \$ 4,734.52

Received from

John Taylor, Overpayed 1953	10.00
Irvin Bartlett, Overpayed 1953	7.28
V. G. Barrett, Overpayed 1953	10.00
Raymond Starbird, Overpayed 1954	9.00
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	\$ 4,770.80

Orders Drawn:

Labor

Joseph Rackliff, Foreman	\$ 213.52
Stanley Stevens	104.51
Floyd Varney	104.03
Howard Davis	7.60
Mellen Safford	7.60
Malvern Hammond	7.60
Wayne Lawrence	35.63
Phillip D'Auiolo	10.45
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	\$ 490.94

Trucks

Raymond Blaisdell	\$ 250.88
Alfred Gillis	241.88
Donald Quimby	241.88
Martel & Bruie	248.63
Eldred Hammond	188.10
Shirley McDaniel	151.88
Ralph Campbell, Sr.	151.88
Raymond Starbird	49.50
William Moore	151.88
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	\$ 1,676.51

Drivers

Raymond Blaisdell	105.93
Alfred Gillis	102.13
Leslie Hutchins	58.43

Walter Hallowell, Jr.	104.98
Eldred Hammond	8.55
Malvern Hammond	85.05
Shirley McDaniels	64.13
Kenneth Hutchinson	64.13
Raymond Starbird, Overpaid \$9.00	29.90
Hugh Rose	64.13
Wesley Walton	43.70
	\$ 731.04
Shovel	
Martel & Bruie	588.89
	\$ 588.89
Shovel Operator	
Frank Martel	195.47
	\$ 195.47
Bulldozer	
Town of Sumner	117.25
	\$ 117.25
Operator	
Francis Gammon	167.50
	\$ 167.50
Bulldozer Operator	
Geo. Hemond	267.00
	\$ 267.00
Culverts	
Bancroft & Martin	255.32
Robert Bossie	250.00
	\$ 505.32

Cement

J. B. Cole & Son	3.60	\$ 3.60
Total Orders Drawn		\$ 4,743.52
Unexpended		\$ 27.28

Of the Town Road Improvement Funds we built one and two tenths miles on Black Mt. Road, and three tenths of a mile on Redding Road to bring the improved road as far as Twin Bridges or Gerald Gammons. The gravel was given on these two roads by Kenneth Cole, amounting to \$453.40.

We also built on Arthur Allen Road from the Black Road to his farm so I believe he will be out of the mud next spring.

The gravel on this road amounted to \$183.36 paid from miscellaneous account.

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 1,066.00
Returns from State	1,543.37
Total Available	\$ 2,609.37
Orders Drawn	
Norway National Bank	\$ 2,609.37

HURRICANES CAROL AND EDNA

Bank Loan	\$ 6,000.00
Received from State	12,081.88
Due from Federal Government	2,987.79
Total Available	\$ 21,069.67
Orders Drawn:	
Labor	
Joseph Rackliff	\$ 204.10
Eugene Farrar	325.64
Maurice Bryant	271.23

Kenneth Cole	261.26
Vernon Farrar	4.75
Stanley Stevens	3.80
Chester DeCoster	20.90
Floyd Varney	3.80
Malcolm Wallace	10.45
Stacy Bedard	3.80
John Trenoweth	3.80
Robert Pike	4.28
Eldred Hammond	58.90
Leon Brainard	3.80

	\$ 1,180.51
Trucks	
Raymond Starbird	489.27
Eldred Hammond	625.95
Arlan Farrar	684.01
L. H. Poland	46.80
Shirley McDaniels	216.00
Alfred Gillis	228.37
Donald Quimby	351.00
Wade Harris, Jr.	180.00
Bennett Bros.	142.88
Robert Farrar	294.75
Milton Warren	175.50
Maurice Benson	439.88
Malcolm Wallace	10.00
Frank Bragg	9.00
Albert Penley	220.50

	\$ 4,113.91
Drivers	
Ivan Proctor	5.23
Carroll Hadley	22.80
Wayne Lawrence	4.28
Arlan Farrar	7.60
Raymond Starbird	183.35
Malvern Hammond	300.11

Clifford Abbott	281.21
Omer Farrar	29.93
Shirley McDaniels	91.20
Alfred Gillis	96.43
Wade Harris, Jr.	13.30
Wade Harris, Sr.	62.70
Elmer Churchill	60.83
Robert Farrar	117.33
Milton Warren	3.33
Walter Warren	89.32
Wesley Walton	92.15
Lawrence Russell	56.05
Leon Poland	7.60
Peter Kilpolainen	108.30
James Coffins	25.18
Albert Eastman	44.65
Thomas Bragg	8.08
Basil Green	15.20
Malcolm Wallace	9.50
Clifford Bragg	4.75
Albert Penley, Jr.	70.30
Othie Buck	17.58
	\$ 1,827.79
Team	
Robert Pike	9.00
Amy Farris	4.00
	\$ 13.00
Shovel	
Donald Quimby	756.80
	\$ 756.80
Shovel Operator	
Donald Quimby	174.27
Clifton Merrill	76.93
	\$ 251.20

Tractor and Driver		
Jack Rosenberg	120.00	
Erwin Ellingwood	4.00	
		\$ 124.00
Bulldozer Operator		
Francis Gammon	491.25	
		\$ 491.25
Bulldozers		
Town of Sumner	1,408.38	
		\$ 1,408.38
Culverts		
Robert Bosse & Co.	510.00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	3,033.38	
Bancroft & Martin	269.39	
		\$ 3,812.77
Gravel		
Penley Bros.	283.56	
J. G. Gammon	20.00	
Carl Gammon, gravel and loading	780.00	
		\$ 1,083.56
Carl Gammon, moving tractor	6.50	
		\$ 6.50
		\$ 15,069.67
Bank Loan Paid Jan. 31	6,000.00	
		\$ 21,069.67

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Unexpended Balance 1953	\$ 493.26
Town of Hartford	5.00
Sumner Highway Department	1,525.63
Total Available	\$2,023.89

Orders Drawn:	
Francis Gammon	\$ 33.00
Kenneth Cole	27.50
Vernon Farrar	5.70
Morris Bryant, cash expense	1.08
Eugene Farrar, trip to Portland and cash expense	14.00
Wilder DeCoster	6.00
Western Auto Store	7.30
Benson's Coal & Oil Co., fuel oil	57.75
Snows Inc. Co., batteries and anti-freeze	89.60
Eastern Tractor Co.	1,796.96
Ellingwood Bros., welding	64.57
Hifler Bros., labor on grader and parts	45.67
Davis Store, gas and oil	7.55
David Bayle, gas	8.38
Total Orders Drawn	\$2,165.06

Total Overdraft \$ 168.54

Eastern Tractor Company's account consist of a completely rebuilt motor, both front high idlers and several minor parts. Also labor on same.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

No Appropriation	
Bank Stock Tax	\$ 31.60
Dog Tax Refund	34.58
Railroad & Telephone Tax	216.12
Town of Hartford (iron from bridge)	100.00
Cost and Interest	247.32
Excise Tax	2,390.35
Total Available	\$3,020.05
Orders Drawn:	
Central Me. Power Co.	\$ 19.11

Norway National Bank, interest	234.86
Norway, check book	3.70
Loring Short & Harmon,	
office supplies	47.14
Marks Printing House, office supplies	8.97
Hutchinson Bros.	2.20
Virgil Barrett, Health officer	15.00
Pinewood Press, Town reports	246.00
U. S. Auto Guide	8.00
Robert T. Smith, legal service	19.00
Emma E. West, property transfers	7.25
Emma E. West, recording liens	43.00
Emma E. West, discharges of	
tax liens	14.00
Colista Stevens	86.00
Colista Stevens, postage	13.60
Colista Stevens, 1953 salary	100.00
Buckfield Fire Dept., Floyd Trask,	
chimney fire	15.00
Maine Municipal Association	35.00
State Treasurer, audit	213.66
State Treasurer, water tests	11.70
Mary Hicks, Town Clerk	25.00
C. J. Cole, tax lien discharge	31.50
C. J. Cole, cash expense	59.75
C. J. Cole, Excise Tax Collector	63.25
Kenneth Cole, cash expense	68.37
Ethel Boyle, School Board	15.00
Alma Abbott, School Board	15.00
Alma Abbott, cash expense	5.00
Alfred Chesley, School Board	15.00
Virgil Barrett, Moderator, 1953	6.00
Virgil Barrett, Constable, 1953	3.00
Harold Matthews, Constable, 1954	9.00
C. J. Cole, Moderator, 1954	6.00
H. L. Cobb, Treasurer of	
Ministerial Fund	5.00
Lettie Ford, use of vestry	6.00

David Boyle, fire expense, 1953	4.28
Gerald Gammon, tax error for 1953	19.40
Carl Gammon, gravel	27.20
Kenneth Cole, gravel T.R.I.F.	169.92
Guy Heath, gravel T.R.I.F.	13.44
Bancroft and Martin, culvert	55.05
Morris Bryant, mowing cemeteries	13.00
Kenneth Cole, mowing cemeteries	8.00
Virgil Barrett, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Elden Garey, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Harold Matthews, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Morris Bryant, trip to Augusta	6.00
Morris Bryant, Brown's fire	4.00
Malcolm Wallace, Brown's fire	4.00
Eugene Farrar, Brown's fire	4.00
Clyde Brown, Brown's fire	6.00
Lionel Bartlett, bear bounty	15.00
Sears Roebuck & Co., heater for East Sumner School	121.84
Maurice Benson, fuel tank for East Sumner School	56.50
Rumford Drug Store	38.85
Fogg's Transportation	19.65
Archie McCalister, tax notices	17.20
Francis Gammon, town dump	2.00
C. J. Cole, miscellaneous	19.75
Total Order Drawn	\$2,137.14
Unexpended	\$ 882.91

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$ 96.00
Orders Drawn	
Central Maine Power Co.	78.75
Unexpended	\$ 17.25

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, 1953	\$ 189.19
Orders Drawn:	
D. B. Smith & Co., Inc.	23.82
Unexpended	\$ 165.37

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

Although we had a very wet season we lost two places by fire. One occupied by Clyde Brown and the other by Rosaire Fortier.

We had one chimney fire at Floyd's trash and called Buckfield Fire Department.

Please be careful of fires!

KENNETH COLE,
Fire Warden

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance, 1953	\$ 382.41
Unexpended	\$ 382.41

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$ 80.00
Orders Drawn:	
Walter M. Chandler	76.00
Unexpended	\$ 4.00

SCHOOL CLINICS

Appropriation, 1953-54	\$ 100.00
Orders Drawn	
Thomas P. Nangle, M. D., 1953-54	90.00
Unexpended	\$ 10.00

STATE NURSE

Appropriation, 1953-54	\$ 150.00
Orders Drawn:	
State Treasurer, 1953-54	\$ 150.00

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Appropriation	\$ 70.00
Orders Drawn	
State Treasurer	\$ 70.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Orders Drawn:	
Cora Record, Relief Corps Treas.	\$ 75.00

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

Norway National Bank, Temporary Loan	\$10,000.00
Hurricane Loan	6,000.00
Treasurer of Oxford County, tax	1073.10
Total	\$17,073.10

NOTES PAYABLE

Order Drawn:	
West Sumner School Addition	\$1,000.00
Norway National Bank	\$1,000.00
Walter Truck	\$ 850.00
Order Drawn:	
Norway National Bank	\$ 850.00

NEW CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Rec. of Earl W. Bonney for care of Edwin Bonney's lot in Elmwood Cemetery	\$ 75.00
Rec. of Minnie Ford Burchsted for per- petual care of Madison Ford lot in Elmwood Cemetery	\$ 75.00

CARE OF CEMETERIES AND INTEREST ON CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Appropriation	\$ 130.00
Orders Drawn:	
Leon Conant	\$13.50

Sumner Hill Cemetery Association	17.00
Black Mt. Cemetery Association	4.25
Lettie Ford	8.50
C. M. Stephens, Summerfield	34.00
C. J. Cole, Elmwood	51.00
	\$ 128.25
Unexpended	\$ 1.75

INTEREST ON INVESTED TRUST FUNDS

Balance	\$ 45.14
Mary Gammon	12.50
Myrtle Heald	5.00
Hattie Barrows	5.00
O. C. Turner, Moses Young, Sewall	
Glover, James Packard, John	
Moody, Dennis Parlin, C. M.	
Crockett, Edwin Bonney, Madison Ford	21.10
Balance	43.60
	\$ 88.74

1954 REPORT, MINISTER AND MINISTERIAL FUNDS

Investments,

Oxford Paper Co., Stocks	\$ 1,100.00
Oxford County Tel. Co., Stocks	750.00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Deposit	4.00
Total	\$ 1,854.00

Income,

Dividends,

Oxford Paper Co.	\$ 73.50
Oxford Tel. Co.	90.00
Mechanics Bank	1.77
Total Received	\$ 165.27

Statement,

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1954	\$	00.00
Dividends rec'd., 1954		165.27
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Total	\$	165.27

Payments Made,

Universalist Society	\$	92.95
Congregationalist Society		72.32
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Total	\$	165.27

Balance, Cash on hand,
Feb. 1, 1955

\$ 00.00

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. COBB,
Treasurer.

TRUST FUNDS USED BY TOWN

Allen, Reverend and Sarah Barrows	\$	100.00
Gammond, S. B.		100.00
Gurney, Louise		200.00
Heald, Olive		100.00
Keene, Almira		500.00
Purkis, Lucy		100.00
Roberts, Elmer		100.00
Robinson, L. M.		500.00
Russell, Lucy		100.00
Russell, Rebecca		100.00
Stetson, Clara		200.00
Stetson, Hezekiah		100.00
Stetson, Solomon		100.00
Varney, Lydia		100.00
Keene, Lydia		100.00
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Total	\$	2,500.00

Note:- Interest paid annually at 4½ %

TRUST FUNDS INVESTED BY TOWN

How Invested:

ID, U.S. Savings Bonds	\$	500.00
Gammon, Mary		
2C, U.S. Savings Bonds	\$	200.00
Barrows, Hattie L.		
Heald, Myrtle	\$	200.00
U. S. Savings Bonds		
Casco Bank and Trust Co.,		
Crockett, C. M.	\$	200.00
Glover, Sewall and Fred		150.00
Moody, John		150.00
Packard, James		100.00
Parlin, Addison		150.00
Turner, O. E.		150.00
Young, Moses		100.00
Bonney, Edwin		75.00
Ford, Madison		75.00
	\$	2,050.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending February 1, 1955

Cash on hand (Checking Account)

Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 6,929.04
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Taxes

Current year	\$ 24,952.90
Prior Years	1,844.81
Tax Liens, 1953	446.20
Tax Liens, 1952	1,103.95
Tax Liens, 1951	49.50
Tax Liens, 1950	44.00
Excise Taxes, 1954	1,787.14
Excise Taxes, 1955	603.21

\$ 30,831.71

Departmental Receipts from State

Educational	\$ 5,604.22
Hurricane Damage	12,081.88
Snow Removal	2,345.85
State Aid Road, Bridge	1,543.37
Town Road Improvement	4,734.52
Dog Tax Refund	34.58
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	216.12
Bank Stock Tax	31.60
Charities	95.62

\$ 26,687.76

From Other Sources

Temporary Loan	\$ 10,000.00
Hurricane Loan	6,000.00
Use of Equipment	1,530.63
Cost of Interest	250.28
Charities	626.97
Interest on Trust Funds	43.60
Interest on School Fund	5.27

Sumner's Share in East	
Sumner Bridge	1,000.00
Earl Rowell, Highway	20.00
John Taylor, Overpayment	10.00
V. G. Barrett, Overpayment	10.00
Irving Bartlett, Overpayment	7.28
Raymond Starbird, Overpayment	9.00
Annie Garey, School	21.00
K. E. Cole, Stove	3.00
Vernal Chandler, Stove	5.00
Pleasant Pond Grange, Wood	14.00
Town of Woodstock, Snow	150.00
Town of Hartford, Snow	\$49.70
Edwin Bonney, Trust Fund, Elmwood Cemetery	75.00
Madison Ford, Trust Fund, Elmwood Cemetery	75.00
	\$ 19,005.73
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Total Receipts	\$ 76,525.20
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Total Available	\$ 83,454.24
Total Warrants Paid	\$ 81,060.82
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Balance in Checking Account, Feb. 1, 1955	\$ 2,393.42
Respectfully submitted,	
C. J. COLE,	
Treasurer	

LIST OF UNPAID 1953 TAX LIENS

Resident

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$	106.70
Abbott, Vera		184.30
Abbott, Vera		53.35
Barrows, Melville		87.30
Bragg, Harry		33.95

Bragg, Thomas	\$	77.60
Brown, Frances		58.20
DeCoster, Alice		135.80
Drake, Bernard		33.95
Farris, Amy		106.70
Fortier, Rosaire		39.77
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie		58.20
Gibbs, John		75.66
Henry, Walter and Winnifred		21.83
Newton, E. E. and Norma B.		38.80
Redding, John		101.85
Richardson, Donald		67.90
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		\$ 1,281.86

Non-Resident

Allen, Olive	\$	101.85
Bisbee, W. L.		2.43
Bisbee, Norman		19.40
Churchill, Elmer		9.70
Daniels, Alfred		107.67
Perreault, Edward L.		77.60
Rasmussen, A. V.		56.26
Waugh, Russell and Teresa		97.00
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		\$ 471.91

EXPIRED 1952 TAX LIENS

Bragg, Thomas	\$	72.00
Farris, Amy		99.00
Gesner, Ivan and Marjorie		72.00
Richardson, Donald		58.50
Brown, Frances		54.00
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		\$ 355.50

EXPIRED 1951 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$	117.00
Bragg, Thomas		72.00
Brown, Frances and Clyde		54.00
Richardson, Donald		58.50
		\$ 301.50

Non-Resident

Bisbee, W. L.	\$	27.00
Churchill, Elmer E.		9.90
Walters, Nelson and Martha		51.75
		\$ 88.65

EXPIRED 1950 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$	104.00
Bragg, Thomas		64.00
		\$ 168.00

EXPIRED 1949 TAX LIEN

Abbott, Sidney, E.	\$	104.00
		\$ 104.00

EXPIRED 1948 TAX LIEN

Abbott, Sidney E.	\$	88.40
		\$ 88.40

EXPIRED 1947 TAX LIENS

Abbott, Sidney	\$	104.00
Spaulding, Inez, Heirs		4.40
		\$ 108.40

Tax Collector's Report

1953 PERSONAL TAXES

Abbott, Glen	\$ 8.25
Abbott, Sidney E.	67.90
Farris, Amy	73.72
Henderson, Anna & Jack	13.67
McCallister, Raymond	10.67

1952 PERSONAL TAXES

Abbott, Sidney E.	8.07
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1952 NON-RESIDENT UNPAID PERSONAL TAX

George Tucker	31.50
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1953 NON-RESIDENT UNPAID PERSONAL TAX

George Tucker	48.50
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1954 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX LIST

Paid

Name	Poll	Personal	Real
Heath, Wilfred	\$3.00		
Fortier, Rosaire	3.00		
Matthews, Alden	3.00		
Kendall, Albert			\$38.25
Donahue, Floyd	3.00		
Taylor, Virgil D.			4.50
Hart, Wilford	3.00		
Spaulding, George W.			40.50
Abbott, Gary	3.00		
Dorey, Tracy	3.00		
Hazelton, Kenneth	3.00		
Total	\$24.00		\$83.25

Unpaid		
Donahue, Floyd	\$4.95	
Gammon, Gerald Jr.		\$ 4.50
Fortier, Rosaire		36.90
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Total	\$4.95	\$41.40

1953 SUPPLEMENTARY TAX LIST

Pike, Robert		\$19.40
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LIST OF 1954 ABATEMENTS

Residents

Bisbee, Inez, error in assessment	\$ 42.75
Comeau, C. R., error in assessment	12.90
Gibbs, John, error in assessment	40.50
MacDonald, Fred, overage	3.00

Non-Residents

Ellingwood, Howard, error in assessment	4.50
Gammon, Harold, paid in Hartford	43.20
Littlehale, Gladys, paid in Hartford <i>error</i>	4.95
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	\$151.80

TAX REPORT 1954 As of February 1, 1955

These Taxes are still unpaid:

Residents

NAME	Poll Tax	Personal Estate	Real Estate	Total
Abbott, Glen	\$ 14.40			\$ 14.40
Abbott, Stevens	\$ 3.00	77.40		80.40
Abbott, Sidney E.		18.90	99.00	117.90
Abbott, Vera			\$ 171.00	171.00
Abbott, Vera			49.50	49.50
Ackley, Paul		.90	81.00	91.90
Andrews, Zelda		9.90	72.00	81.90

Barrows, Melville, Heirs		81.00	81.00
Bartlett, Irwin	11.25		11.25
Bartlett, Lionel	9.90		9.90
Bartlett, Lionel & Irwin		49.50	49.50
Bennett, Eleanor	48.15	74.25	122.40
Bennett, Henry	3.00	13.50	16.50
Bisbee, Inez		42.75	42.75
Bisbee, Inez & Roy	3.00	7.65	145.65
Bragg, Tom	9.00	72.00	81.00
Brown, Frances	.90	63.00	63.90
Billings, Donald	18.90	117.00	135.90
Buck, Ray	3.00	6.75	9.75
Conant, Howard	36.90		36.90
Crockett, Harold	4.50	13.50	18.00
DeCoster, Alice, Heirs		135.00	135.00
DeCoster, Chester	96.75		96.75
Dillingham, Nelson	6.75		6.75
Dillingham, Marion		31.50	31.50
Drake, Bernard	14.40	36.00	50.40
Duchesne, Rene	3.00	34.65	186.15
Edwards, Alton		7.90	7.90
Estes, Ivan	3.00		3.00
Estes, John A.	3.00	.90	3.90
Estes, Ralph		4.50	4.50
Estes, Stanley		9.90	27.00
Farrar, Roger	3.00		3.00
Farris, Amy		41.40	124.20
Gammon, J. G.		76.50	31.50
Gammon, J. F., Heirs			245.25
Gammon, Roger		43.65	184.50
Gibbs, John		9.00	70.20
Gesner, Thomas	3.00		3.00
Henderson, Jack & Anna	3.00	18.90	21.90
Henry, James		7.65	7.65
Howe, George W.		5.40	18.00
Matthews, Harold S.			100.00
			100.00

McCollister, Raymond	9.90		9.90
Newton, E. E.		40.50	40.50
Pike, Robert	63.90	137.70	201.60
Redding, John		94.50	94.50
Richardson, Donald	20.70	63.00	83.70
Robinson, Mary		27.00	27.00
	\$ 30.00	\$ 761.65	\$2,634.85
Robinson, Perley		9.90	9.90
Starbird, Raymond	14.40	110.25	124.65
Tucker, Vivian N.	3.00	9.90	156.90
Trenoworth, John	3.00	45.45	48.45
Tarr, Herbert		17.55	17.55
	\$ 36.00	\$ 858.85	\$2,889.10
			\$ 3,783.95

Non-Residents

Allen, Olive		96.30	96.30
Andrews, Richard		6.75	6.75
Bisbee, Norman		23.40	23.40
Garnet, Orno		6.75	6.75
Irish, Lawrence		35.10	35.10
McAllister, Clinton		36.00	36.00
McAllister, John W.		92.70	92.70
Perreault, Edward		72.00	72.00
Rawson, Merton		2.25	2.25
Rowe, Urban		2.25	2.25
Sunoco Oil Co.	11.25		11.25
Thomas, Richard L.		77.40	77.40
Tucker, George	45.00		45.00
Walters, Nelson L.		51.75	51.75
Waugh, Russell T.		90.00	90.00
	\$ 56.25	\$ 592.65	\$ 648.90

Supplementary List

Fortier, Rosaire		36.90	36.90
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Donahue, Floyd	4.95	4.95
Gammon, Gerald, Jr.	4.50	4.50
	4.95	41.40

4.95 41.40 46.35

1953 Supplementary List

Pike, Robert (Former			
Gerald Gammon Woodlot		19.40	19.40
Grand Totals	\$ 36.00	\$ 920.05	\$3,542.55
Not listed above			.30
			\$4,498.90

1954 TAX REPORT

When Taxes were paid

Amount of Commitment	\$29,430.60	
Supplementary list	173.00	
	\$29,603.60	
Less Abatements listed	151.80	
Total to be collected	\$29,451.80	

Date of Commitment — May 24, 1954.

	Collections	% of Total
July 1, 1954, collected in June	\$ 2,066.85	7 %
August 1, 1954, collected in July	1,353.05	4.6
September 1, 1954, collected in August	1,842.00	6.25
October 1, 1954, collected in September	1,843.35	6.25
November 1, 1954, collected in October	2,791.50	9.5
December 1, 1954, collected in November	3,589.88	12.2
January 1, 1955, collected in		

December, 1954	7,403.50	25.2
February 1, 1955, collected in		
January 1955	4,062.77	13.83
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Total collected	\$24,952.90	84.83%
Remaining to be collected	4,498.90	15.17%
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	\$29,451.80	100. %

TAX STATEMENT FOR 1954

Commitment	\$29,430.60
Supplementary Tax	173.00
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Treasurer Receipts	\$29,603.60
Abatements	\$24,952.90
Uncollected	151.80
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	4,498.90
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	\$29,603.60

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

**This does not include Town Property
Resources**

Money in Checking Account, 1955	\$ 2,393.42
Uncollected Taxes for 1954	4,498.90
Unpaid, 1953 Liens	1,753.77
Unpaid Tax Liens prior to 1953	1,214.45
Unpaid Personal 1952 and 53	262.28
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	\$10,122.82

Liabilities

Trust Funds used by Town	\$ 2,500.00
Balance Due 1954 Collector	35.00
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	\$ 2,535.00
Balance	\$ 7,587.82

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. COLE

EUGENE FARRAR

L. MORRIS BRYANT

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ETHEL BOYLE	Term expires 1955
ALMA ABBOTT	Term expires 1956
ALFRED CHESLEY	Term expires 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

EDWARD C. MANNING

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens
of the Town of Sumner:

It is with pleasure that I submit my first annual report of the condition of the schools of Sumner. I have received a cordial reception and complete cooperation from all those Town Officials and citizens with whom I have had occasion to transact school business. The teachers and the Superintending School Committee have given me excellent advice and ready assistance as we have worked together to operate the schools in the best interests of your children.

Provisions for heating the Morrill and East Sumner Schools have been vastly improved by the installation of oil burning stoves. The School Department purchased the equipment for the Morrill School, and we are indebted to the Selectmen for their matching purchase of the equipment for the East Sumner School. By good fortune and with the cooperation of the suppliers we were able to make each of these installations at a cost of approximately \$100.00 less than had been estimated.

The use of this automatic equipment permits a great saving in time and labor for the teachers. It also makes

it possible to keep the buildings heated overnight. The greatest benefit, of course, is in increased comfort and warmth for the children.

The program of dental care and physical examinations has been continued under the able supervision of Miss Kathleen Niles, Dental Hygienist and Miss Helen Arnold, the School Nurse. Reports of their activities appear elsewhere in the Town Report.

Beginning January 3, 1955 we participated in the Special Milk Program of the State and Federal government. This program makes milk available at recess or noon to children at a reduced price. We hope before warm weather to make arrangements for refrigeration so that the program may continue throughout the school year.

Textbook replacement and improvement will be largely completed during the next school year. We can then expect to operate on a maintenance basis in textbook purchases for a time. We have utilized the extra subsidies allocated this year by the state to assist in this way and to provide new materials for instruction in geography. These funds have made it possible to accomplish these improvements and yet to carry over a balance.

The teachers and children at the West Sumner School through their earnings from janitorial work have purchased a first-quality duplicating machine. With this the teachers can prepare instructional materials for all of the schools. Sumner is fortunate in having diligent and devoted teachers who do more than the minimum required by their contracts.

Our budget request for the coming year will yield an amount slightly under the total amount available for school operations last year. It has been calculated carefully with a view to economical operations and does not permit leeway. The cost for high school tuition will be higher and will continue to be higher in the next three or four years because of relatively large enroll-

ments in the upper grades. It is necessary also to recognize professional improvement and long service on the part of teachers in our budget. We can, however, take care of these costs by careful management and by the use of the increased amount of subsidy indicated for Sumner in 1955.

Enrollments in Sumner are on the verge of requiring additional classroom provisions; but, barring unforeseeable additions to the population from new residents, we can operate next year on the same basis as this year. It is necessary, however, for the town to give careful consideration to future provisions for school buildings. For this reason the Superintending School Committee is asking that a committee be appointed, to include the school committee, for the purpose of making a study of this problem and to bring in a report in March 1956. A warrant article covering this matter is offered for your action. Maintenance of the present buildings will be continued on a minimum basis next year until a definite decision is reached concerning future school plant needs. Obviously much should be done to make the present buildings satisfactory. Painting and other interior decoration is needed at both East Sumner and Morrill. It would be desirable to have a permanent water supply and to eliminate the privies at these schools. I hesitate, however, to recommend such costly changes until it is clear that these buildings and sites are to be used for an indefinite time to come.

The only major repair suggested for the coming year is the laying of a new floor in the primary room at the West Sumner School. The present floor is so uneven as to be unsafe. A separate warrant article based on an estimate for this work is presented for your action.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD CHANDLER MANNING,
Supt. of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Superintending School Committee recommends that you raise \$13,500.00 for a school budget and the sum of \$300.00 for repairs and contingency.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL BOYLE
ALMA ABBOTT
ALFRED CHESLEY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1954-1955

Income

Appropriation	\$ 12,700.00
Balance 1954	1,969.92
State Aid	5,604.22
Kenneth Cole	3.00
Vernal Chandler	5.00
Interest	5.27
Annie Garey	21.00
Pleasant Pond Grange	14.00

	\$ 20,322.41

Expenditures

Teaching	\$ 8,233.48
Conveyance	3,534.20
Janitor	384.25
Fuel	937.26
Supplies	570.70
Textbooks	495.11
Office Supplies	38.40
Superintendent	730.08
High School Tuition	4,388.38

	\$19,311.86
Balance 1955	_____
	\$ 1,010.55

Repairs and Contingency

Balance 1954	\$ 42.69
Appropriation	250.00

Expended	\$ 292.69
	171.40

	171.40
Balance 1955	\$ 121.29

EXPENDITURES

Teaching

Beulah Cole	\$ 1,870.88
Sadie D'Aiutolo	1,862.38
Mary Fleming	1,889.00
Doris Gammon	178.50
Annie Garey	1,757.72
Joan Hammond	260.00
Bessie Gordon	208.00
Elaine Knight	112.50
Esther Trask	94.50

	\$ 8,233.48

Conveyance

Beulah Cole	\$ 996.00
Floyd Trask	2,511.20
Mrs. Herbert Tarr	27.00

	\$ 3,534.20

Janitor

Beulah Cole	\$ 72.00
Sadie D'Aiutolo	72.00
Kenneth Cole	6.00
Maurice Bryant	6.00
Melinda Chesley	12.50

Mrs. Perley Robinson	\$	37.50
Paul Chesley		5.00
Gerald Farrar		5.00
Walter E. Appleby		20.25
A. S. Barrows		4.00
Howard L. Carr		144.00

		\$ 384.25

Fuel

Benson's Coal & Oil Co.	\$	592.12
Central Maine Power Company		205.16
Eldred Hammond		36.00
Chester Cole		5.00
G. Glenn Abbott		84.00
Town of Canton		10.73
Edward C. Manning		4.25

		\$ 937.26

Supplies

The MacMillan Company	\$	14.25
World Book Co.		10.24
Davis Nation-wide Store		1.73
Allan H. Murray		2.00
J. L. Hammett Co.		11.51
Gledhill Bros., Inc.		42.63
C. S. Hammond Co.		25.36
M. N. Perkins Co.		7.00
Rochester Germicide Co.		7.25
Merchant Supply Co.		25.75
H. S. Kinsman Co.		3.15
Beckley-Cardy Co.		11.95
Stan Foulke Typewriter Service		48.64
Pinewood Press		9.98
Cascade Paper Co.		8.40
Cole's General Store		21.14
Edward C. Manning		10.00
Denoyer-Geppert Co.		208.15

Henry S. Wolkins Co.		82.60
Howard L. Carr		18.97
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		\$ 570.70

Textbooks

Scott Foresman Co.	\$	216.38
Ginn and Company		61.26
MacMillan Company		180.81
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.		5.00
Silver Burdett Company		17.82
The Garrard Press		13.84
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		\$ 495.11

Office Supplies

Edward C. Manning	\$	16.00
Alfred A. Bracy		22.40
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		\$ 38.40

Superintendent

Edward C. Manning	\$	304.19
Alfred A. Bracy		425.89
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		\$ 730.08

High School Tuition

Town of Paris	\$	2,879.21
Town of Norway		175.56
Town of Buckfield		1,245.56
Town of Woodstock		88.05
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		\$ 4,388.38

Repairs and Contingency

Benson's Coal & Oil Co.	\$	56.50
Sears Roebuck & Company		114.90
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		\$ 171.40

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

Beulah Cole	East Sumner
Mary Fleming	West Sumner
Annie Garey	West Sumner
Sadie D'Aiutolo	Morrill
Elaine Knight	Music Supervisor

UNION NO. 32 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1954-55

Fall Term: Sept. 8 to Dec. 22, 1954	16 weeks
First Winter Term: Jan. 3 to Feb. 18, 1955	7 weeks
Second Winter Term: Feb. 28 to April 15, 1955	7 weeks
Spring Term: Apr. 25 to June 10, 1955	6 weeks

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1954

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot.
East Sumner	7	4	6	7					24
West Sumner	8	6	4	2	6	8	16	10	60
Morrill			7		13	10			30

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION STUDENTS

Buckfield	4
Woodstock	1
Norway	1
West Paris	13

PROGRESS REPORT OF MOUTH HEALTH PROGRAM

Sumner — October 1954

To the Town of Sumner:

As a result of your true interest and cooperation, a sodium fluoride program has been successfully completed in your schools. Children from the East and West Sumner schools were transported to the Morrill School where the clinic was conducted by a dental hygienist from the State Division of Dental Health.

This year, as has been done in the past, children of the second, fifth and eighth grades were offered the series of sodium fluoride applications. Sodium fluoride produces best results when applied to newly erupted teeth and children in these grades usually have just cut new teeth.

In addition to four applications of sodium fluoride at intervals of 1 to 7 days, each child received a professional cleaning and examination of his teeth and suggestions as to how he could improve his own mouth health.

Reports were sent home to the parents informing them of the condition of their child's mouth.

Forty-two children began and finished the series of applications. Two of these were three-year-olds.

At the time of examination, twelve of these students were considered to have clean teeth. This was not a very good percentage but we feel sure that you as parents and teachers are doing much to encourage your children to brush their teeth regularly and correctly.

Five children had received all necessary dental corrections at the time of the clinic. This is most commendable considering the fact that Sumner is some distance from a dental office. However, Sumner children still need more dental attention. At a meeting with your newly formed Health Council we were pleased to see that Sumner parents and teachers realize the problem of dental care and are interested in correcting this problem.

In summarizing, we wish to again point out the three important factors for good mouth health; (1) Regular home care, (2) Regular dental care, and (3) Sodium fluoride applications.

We wish to thank Mrs. Sidney Abbott and all others who helped to make the program successful.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHLEEN NILES, R. D. H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

SUMNER — 1954

Almost every individual and every civic group is interested in health, either from a personal or a community standpoint, and the success of a public health nursing program depends upon this interest.

A Community Health Council has been organized in Sumner this year, and is actively engaged in a worthwhile project.

Child Health Conferences are held yearly, at which time all infants and pre-school children are examined by a physician and offered immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and small pox. The school children were examined by a physician and immunizations were offered to those who needed them. The public health nurse assists the physician in these activities with the help of a very fine group of volunteer workers.

Several people have been referred by their family doctor to various clinics. One of the services the public health nurse gives, is to visit these patients and help them plan for attending, and following the recommendations made at clinic. Others have been referred for the conservation of eye sight, and the ophthalmologist's recommendations have been followed. Home visits were also made for health supervision to infants, children, and adults.

The public health nurse wishes to thank everyone in the community who has so willingly helped her in the various public health activities, and all other members who have shown interest in our public health nursing program.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) HELEN ARNOLD, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

Auditor's Report

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

September 14, 1954

Board of Selectmen
Sumner
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Sumner have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1954.

The examination was made by Auditor L. J. Hann in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,
FRED M. BERRY

State Auditor

COMMENTS

Town of Sumner

February 2, 1953 to February 1, 1954

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Sumner has been completed for the municipal year ended February 1, 1954. The audit included an examination of certain financial records which were kept by the town officers. The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures and the results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules pertaining to the fiscal affairs of the town.

The fiscal year operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures to the extent of \$757.65, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:

Unexpended Balances	\$2,190.82
Overdrafts	1,433.17
Net Unexpended Balances	\$ 757.65

The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The audit also revealed that certain phases of municipal operations may be strengthened by favorable consideration of the following suggestions:

Excise tax collections should be deposited in accordance with Chapter 19, Section 45 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 which provides in part that excise taxes shall be deposited in the town treasury monthly. After September 1st excise tax credits should be reduced one half in accordance

with the provisions of Chapter 19, Section 41 of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

It was noted that the treasurer cashes checks from town funds for other than town business. In this respect it is believed all town receipts should be deposited intact.

Bank statements should be reconciled monthly with the treasurer's records.

Monthly reconciliation of the selectmen's records together with monthly trial balances of the general ledger would aid materially in keeping audit costs at a minimum.

It was ascertained that an amount of \$2,500.00 is due the trust fund from the general fund. In this respect attention is directed to Chapter 80, Section 106 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 which provides in part that town officials shall invest all permanent funds including money or credits deposited with them for perpetual care of lots in cemeteries.

A review of trust fund investments is suggested to determine the legality of investments in stocks.

ASSETS

The cash balance of \$6,929.04 was reconciled with a bank statement furnished by the Norway National Bank, Norway, Maine. A count of cash was made at date of audit and reconciled with the closing balance at February 1, 1954.

Other assets including accounts receivable, taxes, tax liens and tax acquired property were reviewed and verifications undertaken to determine their validity at the year end. Unpaid accounts were also reconciled with the balances shown on the records of the selectmen.

LIABILITIES

The total liabilities of the town at the year end amounted to \$5,257.18 as reflected on the records. Included were the following items:

Accounts Payable	\$ 67.90
Notes Payable (Sumner-	
Hartford Bridge)	2,689.28
Due Trust Funds	2,500.00
	\$5,257.18

RESERVES AND SURPLUS

The appropriation account balances totaled \$4,824.63, (Exhibit D), and for the most part represented bridge and educational account balances which are carried forward to the ensuing year.

The unappropriated surplus of the town amounted to \$6,954.10, an increase of \$449.87 for the year. This increase was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures totaling \$757.65 less a transfer of \$300.00 for land damage in connection with the Sumner-Hartford Bridge.

DEBT FUND

The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects the outstanding bridge, equipment and school notes of \$2,689.28, \$850.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively. These notes mature in 1954. The authority to negotiate the Sumner-Hartford Bridge loan in the current year was granted by the townspeople at a special town meeting in July, 1953.

TRUST FUNDS

The total amount of trust fund principals was \$6,429.00 at the year end. These funds were invested as follows:

Time Deposits	\$1,179.00
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Bonds and Stocks	2,750.00
Due from General Fund	2,500.00
Total	\$6,429.00

The investments and deposits were verified either by physical inspection or confirmed by the banks in which the funds were deposited.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

An analysis of the comparative statement of available funds revealed a decrease of \$3,422.30, as compared with the preceding year. This was occasioned principally by the change in carrying balances less a higher tax levy and an increase in state funds for town road improvement. Expenditures for the same period decreased by \$1,870.59 which was reflected principally in the highways and birdges and debt retirement accounts.

GENERAL

The examination of the town clerk's records revealed that the townspeople voted to authorize the transfers from unappropriated surplus and excise taxes to the miscellaneous account.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash and a physical inspection of securities was made. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities. Receipts, vouchers and canceled checks were examined for a selected period and major increases or decreases noted in revenue or expenditures over previous years were explored. Insurance and bond coverages were listed. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed advisable to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at February 1, 1954, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

	Assets	Feb. 1, 1954	Feb. 2, 1953
Cash in Bank	\$6,929.04	\$1,615.87	
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	642.82	376.95	
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2)	4,303.99	3,776.95	
Tax Liens (Sched. A-3)	1,490.25	2,836.20	
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-4)	980.53	297.79	
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TOTAL — GENERAL FUND	\$14,346.63	\$8,903.76	

DEBT FUND

	Assets	
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	\$1,850.00	\$6,200.00
Deferred Appropriation — State Aid Road		
State Share	1,623.28	2,132.00
Town Share	1,066.00	1,066.00
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TOTAL — DEBT FUND	\$4,539.28	\$9,398.00

TRUST FUNDS

	Assets	
Trust Funds: (Sched. A-7)		
Time Deposits	\$1,179.00	\$ 835.61
Investments	2,750.00	2,750.00
Due from General Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
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TOTAL — TRUST FUNDS	\$6,429.00	\$6,085.61

GENERAL FUND

Liabilities

	Feb. 1, 1954	Feb. 2, 1954
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5)	\$ 67.90	
Due Trust Funds	2,500.00	\$2,500.00
 Total Liabilities	 2,567.90	 2,500.00
	Reserve	
Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	4,824.63	(100.47)
	Surplus	
Unappropriated (Ex. C)	6,954.10	6,504.23
 TOTAL — GENERAL FUND	 \$14,346.64	 \$8,903.76

DEBT FUND

Liabilities

Notes Payable (Sch. A-6)	\$4,539.28	\$9,398.00
 TOTAL — DEBT FUND	 \$4,539.28	 \$9,398.00

TRUST FUNDS

Liabilities

Trust Funds: (Sched. A-8)		
Principals	\$6,429.00	\$6,079.00
Unexpended Income	6.61	
 TOTAL — TRUST FUNDS	 \$6,429.00	 \$6,085.61

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

	February 1, 1954	Years Ended February 2, 1953*	February 2, 1952**
REVENUES:			
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	\$32,024.29	\$28,031.13	\$27,248.97
Supplemental Taxes	28.95	136.50	235.50
Excise Taxes	1,720.26	1,976.16	1,791.98
State of Maine	13,743.77	9,618.87	10,044.91
Lien Costs and Interest	275.50	247.36	353.55
Use of Highway Equipment	301.90	32.00	474.00
Tuition	5.27	576.00	438.00
Interest on School Fund	5.27	4.84	4.84
Cemetery Trust Fund Income	45.23	34.41	36.89
Reimbursement — Snow Removal	60.35	304.75	
Settlement of Road Damage Claim		547.60	
Sale of Snowplow		150.00	
Sale of School Bus	538.80		
Refunds	5.00	45.00	157.32
Miscellaneous	233.85	44.96	
Gain on Sale of Tax Acquired Property			
TOTAL REVENUES	48,983.17	41,749.58	40,785.96
ADD:			
Transfer from Surplus — Land Damage	300.00		
Proceeds from Notes Issued	2,689.28	4,200.00	9,402.99
Decrease in Carrying Balances		3,454.07	2,776.90
		51,972.45	49,403.65
			52,965.85

DEDUCT:

Increase in Carrying Balances	4,925.10
Reduction of Deferred Charge by Appropriation	1,066.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$45,981.35	\$49,403.65		\$52,965.85
Protection	4,370.38	3,364.34	2,996.73	
Health and Sanitation	188.06	494.85	614.93	
Highways and Bridges	15,647.64	75.00	120.00	
Equipment Rental (Repairs)	128.69	19,957.68	25,122.93	
Charity	1,499.86	1,235.57	855.44	
Education	17,475.53	2,085.33	1,889.82	
Cemeteries	157.25	17,592.10	19,409.08	
Special Assessment	1,073.10	126.66	121.75	
Unclassified	333.19	942.31	3,002.61	
		220.45	124.80	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	<hr/> <hr/> 40,873.70	<hr/> <hr/> 46,094.29	<hr/> <hr/> 54,258.09	
Debt Retirement — Notes	4,350.00	1,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/> <hr/> 45,223.70	<hr/> <hr/> 47,094.29	<hr/> <hr/> 54,258.09	
EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 757.65	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 2,309.36	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 1,292.24	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS				

*Adjusted on a comparable basis with 1953-54.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Births, Marriages and Deaths for 1954

Births	Thirteen (13)
Marriages	Six (6)
Deaths	Sixteen (16)

March 12, at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Alice M. DeCoster, aged 73 years.

May 22, at West Sumner, Minnie E. Smith, aged 76 years.

May 29, at West Sumner, Fannie S. Lothrop, aged 90 years.

June 22, at West Sumner, Lena M. Barrows, aged 73 years.

July 28, at West Sumner, Florence L. Spaulding, aged 63 years.

October 26, at West Sumner, Effie B. Chandler, aged 77 years.

October 26, at Veterans Hospital, Togus, John L. Moody, aged 75 years.

November 5, at Sumner, Carl M. Abbott, aged 86 years.

November 26, at South Paris, Cora A. Records, aged 75 years.

Deaths Reported From Other Towns

January 21, at South Paris, Ivan W. Gibbs, aged 39 years. Born in Sumner.

January 17, at Augusta, Maine, Leon E. Noyes, aged 71 years. Born in Sumner.

January 8, at Buckfield, Hiram S. Bisbee, aged 87 years. Born in Sumner.

January 28, at Rumford, Charlotte A. Merrill, aged 89 years. Born in Sumner.

July 25, at Paris Hill, Philip L. Keene, aged 56 years. Born in Sumner.

August 26, at New Gloucester, Lila A. Jackson, aged 73 years. Born in Sumner.

December 26, at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, John S. Matta. Born in Sumner.

Report of Dogs Licensed in 1954

Males	62
Femals	12
Spayed Females	20
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Total	94

MARY B. HICKS,

Clerk

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